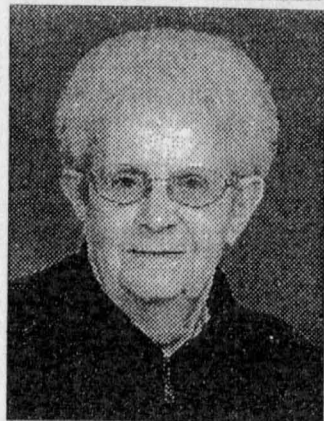


Marcella Allstot, 85

March 13, 1922 - April 17, 2007

DUNLAP — Marcella Saraphina "Sally" (Eckermann) Allstot, formerly of Defiance and Harlan was born March 13, 1922, on the family homestead outside of Defiance to Henry J. Eckermann and Hilda Heinzelmair Eckermann. She was the oldest of three daughters. Sally attended grade school and high school at St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, and graduated in the spring of 1940. After graduation, she attended the Commercial Extension School of Business in Omaha, NE, and then returned to Defiance to help with the family business.



Jan. 20, 1942, Sally married Cecil Allstot of Defiance. The couple wed in San Antonio, TX due to Cecil having been drafted into the U.S. Army. She worked at the Duncan Air Field in San Antonio until Cecil left for military duty overseas. While Cecil was away Sally lived with her sister-in-law in Sheridan, WY. Upon Cecil's discharge from the Army, they returned to Defiance and worked the family farm for a couple of years, then moved to Missouri Valley to venture into business with Cecil's brother. Unfortunately, Sally's father fell ill and the couple returned to the family farm. This was their residence until 1969, when they moved into town. Sally was the assistant manager of her retirement community in Harlan for approximately nine years before moving to Dunlap in 2001. She died April 17, 2007, at the Dunlap Nursing and Rehab Center at age 85 years, one month and four days.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one grandson. She is survived by four children, Cecil Anne Sextro (Dave) of Belmond; William Lee (Karen) of Burlington Jct., MO; Betty Jean Kimmen (Larry) of Dunlap; and James Edward (Kathie) of Lincoln, NE; 12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two sisters, Lasilla Stephenson of Stillwater, MN and Ruth Barker of Missouri Valley; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 21, 2007, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter, SJ and Deacon Marvin Klein Con Celebrants. Honorary casket bearers were Susan Oberg, Sheri Heilmen, Beth Namanny, Stacie Kimmen-Burke, Kay Lahr, Sarah Harm and Sherry Porsch. Casket bearers were Jacqueline Allstot, Ryan Sextro, Jessica Allstot, Steve Oberg, Carl Heilmen, Mike Namanny, Joe Burke, Dave Lahr and Brent Harm. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Fouts Funeral Home of Dunlap in charge of arrangements.