

Gladys Andersen, 75

March 30, 1936 - Nov. 15, 2011

HARLAN — Gladys Clara

Andersen was born on March 30, 1936 to Michael and Clara (Schomer) Ohlinger in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School.

November 16, 1954, Gladys was united in marriage to Gerald "Andy" Andersen at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Five sons were born to them: Dennis, David, Michael, Marvin, and William. In 1964, the family moved to Defiance. In addition to raising her sons, she enjoyed gardening and would can anything and everything that she grew, both fruits and vegetables. She always baked and her family especially enjoyed her peach and cherry rolls. Gladys liked to fish with her husband and helped Andy with his traps. She made all the boys' clothes until they went to school and never missed baking an angel food cake for their birthdays and included her daughters-in-law in that tradition as well. She raised rabbits and also liked to crochet and one of her favorite past times was watching the "Old Joe Polka Show." In 1976, they moved to Harlan where she lived in her home after Andy's death in 1987. In 2009, she moved to Elm Crest where she lived until her death on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Gladys died at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of seventy-five years, seven months, and sixteen days.



Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her infant son William, brothers Lawrence Ohlinger, Jacob Ohlinger, and Harold Ohlinger, and sisters Kathryn Huebner and Madeline Ohlinger. She is survived by her sons Dennis Andersen and his wife Ann, David Andersen and his wife Teresa, Michael Andersen and his wife Kathy, and Marvin Andersen and his wife Linda all of Harlan; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, November 21, 2011 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Music was provided by John Rosman. Honorary casket bearers were Stephanie Wuestewald, Anthony, Andersen, Jennifer Andersen, and Jesse Andersen. Serving as casket bearers were Larry Andersen, Adam Wuestewald, Garret Hampton, Kenny Ohlinger, Larry Ohlinger, and Steve Andersen. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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