

Martha Bogler, 93



DEFIANCE - Martha Elizabeth Bogler, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Knoerr) Kleithermes was born on March 7, 1895, near Linn, MO. She attended St. George Catholic Church and St. George Catholic School in Linn and grew to adulthood on her father's farm.

On July 5, 1922, she married Joseph H. Bogler in Linn. One son and two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they moved to Defiance where he owned and operated the Defiance Auto Company. After the death of Joseph on May 2, 1963, she continued to make her home in Defiance. She died on May 8, 1988 at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 93 years, two months and one day. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, the Altar Society and the Defiance Senior Citizens.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Joseph M.; a sister, Margaret; four brothers, Louie, Joe, Andrew and William; one half sister, Generose; two half brothers, Ben and Frank and a great-granddaughter, Stacie Goeser. She is survived by two daughters, Sally Feser of Defiance and Janis (Mrs Lawrence) Blum of Harlan; 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Tillie (Mrs Joe) Willenbring, Kansas City, MO; and Betty McDonald, Kansas City; three half sisters, Mary (Mrs Ernest) Gangwish, Annie (Mrs Bill) Davis and Helen (Mrs Arnold) Strecht all of Jefferson City, MO; two half brothers, Hugo Kleithermes of Linn, MO and Arthur Kleithermes of Jefferson City, MO; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 11, 1988 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Defiance, with Rev. Garry Culver as the celebrant and Rev. Larry Beeson and Rev. David Polich as concelebrating priests. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery, Defiance with Robert Bogler, Donald Bogler, John Bogler, Bob Feser, Larry Blum and Terry Blum serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.