

Leona Babel, 91

April 10, 1923 - Nov. 21, 2014

COLUMBUS, NE — Leona

M. Babel was born April 10, 1923 in Earling to Joseph and Josephine (Blum) Gross. She grew up in Earling where she received her education.

Leona married Elmer Babel in Earling. They lived and farmed in the Humphrey area. In 1965 they moved to Columbus, NE. Leona worked at Deano's Diner, Sidewalk Cafe, Tooley Drug and the hospital cafeteria. She was a member of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. She enjoyed bowling and spending time with her

family. Leona died Friday, November 21, 2014, at the Golden Living Center in Columbus, NE at the age of 91.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Bob, Alfonse, and Leo Gross. She is survived by her husband, Elmer Babel of Schuyler, NE; son, Jim (Vida Jean) Babel of Columbus, NE; son, Robert Babel of Omaha, NE; son, Dean (Barb) Babel of Schuyler, NE; son, Clark Babel of Columbus, NE; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Eugene Gross of Battle Creek; brother, Jerry (Sharon) Gross of Earling; brother, Laverne (Ginger) Gross of Palmdale, CA; sister, Dorothy Coenen of Woodbine; sister, Helen (Marvin) Bissen of Harlan; and sister, Marie (Charlie) Klein of Earling.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, 2014, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 1565 18th Ave. in Columbus, NE. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.mckownfuneralhome.com.



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