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Marian T. Barry, 72

Aug. 25, 1928 - Dec. 16, 2000

DEFIANCE – Marian Teresa (Coenen) Barry was born Aug. 25, 1928, to Carl and Margaret (Kimmen) Coenen on a farm south and east of Defiance, in Shelby County. The family then moved near Dunlap for several years, while returning to a farm just south of Defiance. Marian was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended St. Peter and Paul's High School in Defiance, and was a member of the graduating class of 1945.

Later in 1945, she met Dwayne Barry at a dance in Defiance and they were married three years later Dec. 30, 1948. They began their life together on a farm between Defiance and Irwin, and remained there for the next 52 years. For many years she was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, later becoming a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She was an active member of St. Michael's Guild and the Catholic Daughter of the Americas Earling Council No. 266. She died Dec. 16, 2000, at Elm Crest Retirement Community from complications due to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, "Lou Gehrig's disease" or "ALS", which she fought for over two years, at age 72 years, three months and 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Norma in 1993. Survivors include her husband, Dwayne of Defiance; her children, Steve Barry of Defiance; Gail (Dennis) Heinrichs of Lake City; Janet (Wade) Mintz of Henderson, NV; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Wilma Rogers of Omaha, NE; Margery Rosenthal of Omaha, NE; Charles Coenen of Marshalltown; Donald Coenen (Jackie) of Harlan; Connie (Don) Petty of Omaha, NE; Ellen (Dennis) Dotzler of Omaha; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 21, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, with Wade Mintz, Dennis Heinrichs, Jr., David Stracke, Matthew Heinrichs, Corey Weiland and Dennis Heinrichs casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

