

Mary Costello, 77

Jan. 23, 1925 – March 22, 2002 ✓

NORFOLK, NE – Mary A. Costello was born Jan. 23, 1925, the daughter of Joseph and Mayme (Glawinski) Stephany of Earling. She graduated from high school in Panama, and then received her Registered Nursing degree in the Cadet Nursing Program at St. Catherine Nursing School in Omaha, where she also attended Creighton University. She then worked as a nurse in Omaha, Tilden, NE, and then in Norfolk, NE, at the Lutheran Community Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. She also worked at the Norfolk Regional Center and then retired in 1978 as the director of nursing at the Norfolk Veterans Home.

She married John J. "Jack" Costello April 29, 1949, at Harlan. She was a member of the Sacred Heart/Saint Mary's Catholic Parish and a past president of the Nebraska State Nursing Association. She died March 22, 2002, at Faith Regional Health Services West Campus at age 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1985, and seven brothers. She is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Stephanie (Bob) Stephenson of Fremont, NE and Manon (Randy) Eilts of Overland Park, KS; one brother, Paul Stephany, and one sister, Dorothy Schechinger, both of Harlan; four grandchildren; two step-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Services were held March 26, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk with Reverend Dave Belt, celebrant. Burial was at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Casket bearers were Randy Eilts, Bill Best, Jerry Costello, Bob Stephenson, Joe Fisher and Jim Goodwater. Home for Funerals, Norfolk, NE, in charge of arrangements.
