

## **Edith Marilyn Griffith, 72**

**Jan. 20, 1924 - March 30, 1996**

**LEAD HILL, AR** - Edith Marilyn Griffith was born at Milo Jan. 20, 1924. Mary, as she was known by her friends, was the daughter of Forest and Dell Mae McNeer Vanderlinden and was one of nine children in the family. She attended school in Milo and graduated with the class of 1943. She joined the Navy and served her country during WW II.

She married Dayton Ruckle in 1944 and they were the parents of two children, Robert and Barbara. They made their home in Des Moines.

She married Donald Griffith Sept. 2, 1967 at Waverly. They made their home in the Waterloo area where they farmed. The past eight years they have farmed in the Lead Hill, AR area. She was a member of the Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church in Harrison, AR. She died at the North Arkansas Medical Center in Harrison March 30, 1996 of an apparent heart attack at age 72 years, two months and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard and Edward Vanderlinden; a sister, Margie Jones, and a grandson, Timothy Noble. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her children and stepchildren, Robert Ruckle (Jean) of Little Rock, AR and Barbara (Tim) Noble of Guntersville, AL; Wayne Griffith; Diane Linhart, Nanci (Gill) LaFraugh and Donna Pinkes all living in Omaha, NE; 12 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; five brothers and sisters, Dean Vanderlinden (Lorraine); Kathryn (Glen) Wadle, both living in Milo; Joy (Guy) Graham of Des Moines; Jean Gass of Dallas Center; Rita (Chuck) Howe of Rogers, AR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 2, 1996 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Walnut with Father Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Military graveside rites were by the Walnut American Legion and AmVets. Casket bearers were Courtney Griffith, Adrian Griffith, Tim Olsen, Tom Olsen, Chris Flowers and Harry Flowers.