

Mary Graeve, 78

Feb. 18, 1928 - Nov. 9, 2006

HARLAN — Mary "Mick" Elizabeth Graeve, daughter of Anton and Helen Book Graf, was born Feb. 18, 1928, in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She attended school at Park Elementary and then graduated from Harlan High School. During high school she took Normal Training and taught country school east of Harlan.

Mary married Delbert Graeve at St. Michael's Catholic Church Jan. 22, 1948. To this union eight children were born. She made "Raggedy Ann and Andy" dolls for the hospital, worked with the Hospital Auxiliary, volunteered at Log Cabin Historical Society and with the "Penny Bingo" at the Harlan Senior Citizen Center. After Mary and Delbert retired in February of 1993 they moved to their present home in Harlan. She died Nov. 9, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 78 years, eight months and 22 days.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, her son, Gary Graeve; brother, Ralph Graf; sisters, Alice McGee and Agnes Miller; and a grandson, Mark Lindstrom. She is survived by her husband, Delbert Graeve of Harlan; her children, Suzanne (Kerry) Lindstrom of Omaha, NE; Dave (Linda) of Defiance; Mary (Lonny) Hargens of Omaha, NE; Joan (Tim) Sullivan of De Smet, SD; Jeanie (Neil) Ferguson of Omaha, NE; Tim Graeve (Ann) of Manilla; Karen (Lynn) Olson of Manilla; brothers and sisters, Sister Mary Estelle Graf R.S.M. of Omaha, NE, Helen (Mark) Bruck of Portsmouth; Frances Tremel of Denver, CO; Irene Tremel of Earling; Cathy (Vince) Heese of Earling; 21 grandchildren; one great grandchild; four step-grandchildren and one step great grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 13, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Kelly Flynn, Jill Classen, Julie Graeve, Becky Graeve, Beth Graeve, Michaela Hargens, Ann Lesch, Holly Miller, Libby Miller, Christie Graeve, Michelle Graeve, Laura Olson, Katelyn Olson, and Jackie Olson. Casket bearers were John Graeve, Michael Hargens, Gary Sullivan, Jeff Hargens, Paul Sullivan, Brian Sullivan, and Justin Graeve. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

