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Mary Theresa Kobold, 78

Nov. 29, 1914 - Nov. 22, 1993

Harlan- Mary Theresa Kobold, daughter of Andrew and Rose (Von Tersch) Majerus, was born on a farm near Defiance, Nov. 29, 1914. She died Nov. 22, 1993 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, 11 months and 24 days.

The eldest of 14 children, she grew up in a working environment. Since her mother had died at an early age, she hired out doing housework and helped care for those children at home. As any young spirit of those days, her favorite pastime was attending the local dances where she met her husband to be Arthur John Kobold. They were married Feb. 6, 1940 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Five children were born to this marriage, Kenny, Jerry, Darlene, Marlene and Maxine. In the early years of their marriage, the couple farmed in Guthrie Center and in the 1940's, they moved to town due to Art's health. Art found odd jobs while Mary continued to support the family as a waitress. In her later years of employment, she worked for the Louis-Kohorst Law Firm, Mickels Restaurant and West Central Development Corporation of Harlan. Those of you who knew Mary throughout the years would see her either sitting on the floor braiding or hand stitching on her pride - braided rugs. Often times, she'd comment on the individual garments that were comprised in that rug. Other times she would be seen at her Singer treadle sewing machine, treading away even into the 1980's. In recent years, the caregivers at the Baptist Home knew Mary well, for she loved to share her bingo prizes and found joys in "hugs" from her caregivers. She also loved the bird sanctuary in which her favorites were the white doves. For months, she had been planning her birthday party; this Monday, she would have been 79. Those who are closest to Mary know Mary was blessed this Nov. 22 to end the suffering and gradual deterioration since her diagnosis of bone cancer four years ago. Her greatest comfort was being with her children. She was a member of St. Michael's' Catholic Church.

In addition to her parents, husband and daughter, Darlene, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lena and three brothers, Albert, Delbert and August. She is survived by four children, Kenny (Sue) of Harlan; Jerry of Tiffin; Marlene (Harold) Brensel of Harlan; and Maxine (Dan) Obrecht of Englewood, CO; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four brothers, Ed (Barbara) Majerus of Mira Loma, CA; Tony (Lillian) Majerus of Harlan; Leroy Majerus of Des Moines; Leonard (Lois) Majerus of Pembroke Pines, FL; and five sister, Leona (Albert) Kobold of Chino, CA; Helen (Roosevelt) Carlton of Aurora, CO; Rita Koplinger of Denver, CO; Dorothy Mickelson of Atlantic, and Alice (Gene) Bachman of Littleton, CO; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 24, 1993 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Scott Kobold, Rev. Don Schoepf, Tracy Kobold, Kelly Kobold, Nathan Brensel and Robert Weihs as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.