

Mildred Kirschbaum, 86

Feb. 23, 1923 - May 20, 2009 -

DEFIANCE — Mildred M. Kirschbaum, daughter of Chrysant and Anna (Breidenbach) Gau, was born on February 23, 1923, near Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended country school in Shelby County. Mildred enjoyed going to area dances and it was there that she met her future husband, Jack.

April 6, 1942, Mildred was united in marriage to John "Jack" Kirschbaum. Four children were born to this union: Peggy, Judy, Bob, and an infant daughter who died at birth. After their wedding, Mildred and Jack farmed near Defiance. They remained on the farm until 1983 when they moved into Defiance. Mildred loved playing



bingo and the accordion which she played by ear. She also enjoyed doing word searches, weaving dollies, listening to and telling jokes and listening to polka music. Mildred and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1992 by doing a Polka Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church. In 2008, Mildred and Jack were honored at the Defiance 125th Anniversary as being the oldest living married couple. They were married for sixty-seven years. Family was very important to Mildred. After Jack's mother died, Mildred helped raise Jack's younger siblings. To this day, they are very grateful for her nurturing. Mildred also enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and her sisters. She could often be found watching one of Bob's baseball games and cheering him on. In later years, Mildred and Jack could be spotted on the bleachers and many of the grandchildren's sporting events. Mildred died on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair, NE, having attained the age of eighty-six years, two months, and twenty-seven days.

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents; her infant daughter; and her brother, Joseph. She is survived by her husband Jack Kirschbaum of Blair, NE; their children: Peggy and her husband Bob Pine of Omaha, NE; their children Mike Mulligan and his wife Cathy of Kansas City, MO, Christine and her husband Ray Janicek of Columbia, MO, and Tracy and her husband Rick Johnson of Omaha; Judy and her husband Larry Green of Blair; their children Steve Green and his wife Marnie of Chandler, AZ, Brian Green and his wife Heidi of Omaha, and Gary Green and his wife Kristy of Kansas City, KS; Bob Kirschbaum and his wife Sharon of Sheldon; their children Nicole and her husband Chris Youngers of Ashland, OR, Michelle of Denver, CO, Stephen at Minnesota State University, and Michael of Sheldon; twelve great-grandchildren; her sisters Gert Janssen of Tiffin, and Veronica Pauley of Woodbine; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on

Saturday, May 12, 2009, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Rev. Tom Coenen celebrated the 11:00 AM service. Interment was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Gary Green, Michael Kirschbaum, Brian Green, Mike Mulligan, Stephen Kirschbaum, and Steven Green serving as casket bearers.

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