

## Luella Kloewer, 96

July 14, 1912 - Jan. 16, 2009

**DEFIANCE** — Luella Therese Kloewer was born on July 14, 1912, to George and Emma (Welhs) Schneider in Portsmouth. She was baptized at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth and then moved to a farm near Westphalia. She made her First Communion and confirmation at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended grade schools at St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, country schools near Westphalia and St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia.

February 17, 1942, Luella was united in marriage to Hubert Kloewer. Three daughters were born to this union: Janice, Vernita, and Glenda. When Hubert and Luella were first married, they lived on a farm southeast of Defiance and then purchased a 120-acre farm near Buck Grove in 1953. While living on the farm near Buck Grove, they were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Buck Grove. Hubert passed away on August 9, 1970 and Luella continued to live on the farm until December 16, 1970, when she purchased and moved into her home in Defiance. Luella continued to live in this home until she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling, on August 5, 1999. Hubert and Luella worked hard on their farm where she always grew a large garden and enjoyed flowers. She was a simple person. Luella enjoyed reading and in later years watching television. She enjoyed her six grandchildren: The Six D's: Dameian, Darla, Darin, Doug, Deana, and Dana. When the Defiance community celebrated their 125th anniversary in September of 2007, Luella was honored as the "Oldest Woman". It was at Little Flower Haven that Luella died on Friday, January 16, 2009, having attained the age of ninety-six years, six months, and two days.

Luella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Hubert, her daughter Janice, son-in-law Dwayne "Dewey" Schwarte, brothers and spouses: Walter Schneider and his wife Doris, Elmer and his wife, Edith, her sister, Mildred Bruck, and her first husband, Alfred "Farmer" Bruck, Irene Leuschen; infant sister, Marie Schneider; and her two brothers-in-law, Clarence Kurtzhal and Elmer Nelson. Hubert's siblings and spouses also preceded her in death: Rosalia and Al Schiltz, Veronica and Anton Rau, Anna and Anthony Klein, Otto and Clara Kloewer, Gottlieb and Eleanor Kloewer and Frank and Anna Kloewer. Those who survive to cherish Luella's memories and celebrate her life are her daughters, Vernita and her husband Joe Schwarte of Defiance, and Glenda and her husband Lew Hall of Defiance; six grandchildren: Dameian Schwarte and his wife Stacy of Ankeny, Darla and her husband Joe Krosko of Omaha, NE, Darin Schwarte and his wife Adrienne of Maryville, TN, Douglas Schwarte of Council Bluffs, Deana and her husband Joey Slater of Carroll, and Dana Schwarte of Early; great-grandchildren: Blake and Addison Slater and future granddaughter Haley Kay Schwarte; her sister Alvera Kurtzhal Nelson of Coleridge, NE; two brothers-in-law: Joe Leuschen and Andy Bruck, both of Earling; other family members and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in



Westphalia. Rev. Bob Hoefler officiated the 11:00 AM service. Interment was held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Deana Slater, Adrienne Schwarte, Blake Slater, Stacy Schwarte, Darin Schwarte, and Addison Slater serving as honorary casket bearers. Acting as casket bearers were: Joey Slater, Dameian Schwarte, Darla Krosko, Douglas Schwarte, Dana Schwarte, and Joseph Krosko.

  
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