

## Elizabeth Julia "Betty" Kohles, 65

*Aug. 24, 1935 - Sept. 19, 2000*

**HARLAN** - Elizabeth Julia "Betty" Croghan was born Aug. 24, 1935, on a farm near Panama, to Helen (Keane) and William Croghan, the youngest of eight children. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, and a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School in Panama.

May 8, 1954, Betty married Jim Kohles at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. To this union, eight children were born. They recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. She was most recently a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. However, she faithfully served as a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling, and the Altar Society. In addition, she volunteered numerous hours in the Shelby County 4-H. She died Sept. 19, 2000, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 65 years and 26 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Gerry and Michael, and one brother, Peter. She is survived by her husband, Jim Kohles of Harlan; her children, John (Jack) Kohles (Vicky) of Defiance; Alan Kohles (Kelly) of Omaha, NE; Danny Kohles of Chandler, AZ; Gerald Kohles of Earling; Loretta (Don) Wipf of Omaha, NE and Annette (Gilbert) Morales of Phoenix, AZ; nine grandchildren; sisters, Helen (Dave) Griffith of Missouri Valley and Bernadette Kirlin of West Des Moines; brothers, James Croghan (Kathy) of Annandale, VA; Jerome Croghan (Catherine) of Manning; Joe Croghan (Marge) of Manning and Tom Croghan (Jean) of Omaha, NE and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 21, 2000, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with the Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant and Revs. Paul Koch, Cornelius Gaul and Leonard Kenkel concelebrants. Burial was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Jack Kohles, Gilbert Morales, Alan Kohles, Danny Kohles, Don Wipf and Gerald Kohles casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

