

Loretta P. Koster, 92

Jan 2, 1909 - Jan 9, 2001

HARLAN – Loretta Philomena Koster was born Jan 2, 1909, to Mary (Reising) and Louis Woerdehoff at Breda. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and attended school at St. Bernard's Catholic School in Breda.

Feb. 6, 1935, she married William J. Koster at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. To this union, seven children were born. Following the wedding they farmed in Carroll, Emmet and Shelby counties until 1977 when they retired to Harlan. In 1997, Loretta became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda, from 1909 to 1949; St. Mary's Catholic Church in Armstrong from 1949 to 1956; and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, from 1956 to 2001. She was also a member of the St. Michael's Guild, card clubs, Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Quilting Club and the Lincoln Social Club.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Koster in 1988 and a sister, Lucille Ricke in 1964. She died Jan 9, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, at age 92 years and seven days.

She is survived by her children, MaDonna (Jim) Gorackowski of Omaha, NE, Robert Koster (Emelie) of Gretna, NE, Yvonne (Sylvan) Klein of Harlan, Betty (Charles) Leuck of Harlan, Joyce (Marvin) Thraen of Harlan, Kenneth Koster (Judy) of Largo, FL, Dean Koster (Kathy) of Harlan, twenty-six grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; one sister, Philomena (Wilfred) Naberhaus of Halbur; one brother, Art Woerdehoff (Evelyn) of Wall Lake; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan 12, 2001, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery with Bill Koster, Steve Gorackowski, Bob Klein, Jim Thraen, Russell Leuck and Jeff Koster casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.