

Bernice Krantz, 86

July 17, 1920 - April 6, 2007

HARLAN - Bernice Adele Krantz, daughter of Sidney and Ella (Husmann) Hulsebus, was born July 17, 1920, on her family's farm near Defiance. Her family later moved into Defiance and she attended the Defiance Public School.



Sept. 20, 1937, Bernice married Walter Krantz in Harlan. Two children were born to this union: Gerald and Richard. After their marriage, they made their home at various farms in the Shelby county area. They then moved to St. Charles, MN, where they farmed and also owned and operated The Cozy Café. In 1957, Bernice and Walter returned to Iowa where they again made Harlan their home. In 1970, Bernice attended nurses college at Iowa Western Community College in Harlan and received her license as a practical nurse. After graduation, she was employed at what was then known as the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan where she worked for several years. She devoted much of her time to St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan where she was a long time member. She became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan in November of 2006 and this is where she died April 6, 2007 at age eighty-six years, eight months and twenty days.

In addition to her parents, Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, her son, Richard; her great grandson, Payton and three brothers: Oliver "Ollie" Hulsebus, Stan Hulsebus and Ed Hulsebus. She is survived by her son Gerald "Jerry" Krantz of Rochester, MN; her four grandchildren: Cindy Ochoa, Nancy Krantz, Rick Krantz, and Debbie Miller; seven great grandchildren; her brother Douglas Hulsebus (Kathy) of Tulsa, OK; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 10, 2007, with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Casket bearers were Joey Hansen, Henry Scheffler, Dan Garrison, Jeff Garrison, Steve Henkleman, and Steve Hulsebus. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.