

## Maxine Thielen, 67 ✓

May 20, 1939 - April 1, 2007

**HARLAN** – Maxine Irene Thielen was born May 20, 1939, to Bernard and Viola (Stoll) Thielen on a farm near Kirkman. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church where she remained a member her entire life. She attended Harlan Community High School and graduated with the class of 1957. Maxine was a cheerleader in high school and kept that enthusiasm and spirit for everyone in her life.

After high school, she began employment as a secretary for R. C. Booth Enterprises, later becoming an owner of the company. In 1981, she began taking care of her mother who had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Maxine survived a bout with cancer and encouraged all new patients to keep fighting and to never give up. She kept this attitude until the day she died, April 1, 2007, at age sixty-seven years, ten months, and twelve days.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Galen "Red" Sorensen of Harlan, a relationship that continued for fifty-two years; her brothers and sisters: Bernard Thielen (Agnes) of Huntington Beach, CA, Ken Thielen (Pat) of Greenfield, MO, Alice Thielen of New York, NY, and Gary Thielen (Gail) of Kalama, WA; a sister-in-law Bev (Bob) Vigue of West Salem, WI; nieces and nephews, twenty great-nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 4, 2007, with Rev. Bob Hoeller officiating at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Casket bearers were Joe Klein, James Macheledt, Tony Thielen, Michael Thielen, Andy Moenkedick, and Mark Thielen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

