

Luella Hendricks, 92

June 11, 1918 - Oct. 13, 2010

PORTSMOUTH — Luella Ann Hendricks, the daughter of M. D. and Flora Elizabeth (Stinn) Leinen, was born on June 11, 1918 near Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and attended St. Mary's School in Portsmouth. Luella grew to adulthood on her parents farm helping with the many farm chores and helping to raise her brothers and sisters.

Luella was united in marriage to Ernest A. Hendricks on September 14, 1942 at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Six children were born to this union: Karen, JoAnn, Darlene, Larry, Colleen and Ronald. After their marriage, Ernest and Luella were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and farmed near Portsmouth.

In 1962, the family then made their home in Portsmouth and after the death of her husband Ernest on January 17, 1972, Luella continued to make her home in Portsmouth where she remained active in the church and was employed for over ten years at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. In addition to being a lifetime member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, Luella was an active member in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine's of Earling for over sixty-four years. Traveling was a source of enjoyment for her as well as quilting, embroidering, gardening and outings with her sisters. She continued to make her home in Portsmouth until 2009 when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling. This is where she died on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, having attained the age of ninety-two years, four months, and two days.

In addition to her parents and her husband Ernest, she was preceded in death by her daughter Karen Wehr and her siblings Rita, Mark and Arthur. Survivors include her children: JoAnn Lawyer of Colorado Springs, CO, Darlene and her husband Wade Fiscus of Longmont, CO, Larry Hendricks and his wife Judy of Portsmouth, Colleen and her husband Al Wingert of Buckeye, AZ and Ronald Hendricks and his wife Michelle of Brighton, CO; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren, her sisters and brother: Arlene and her husband Joe Reinig of Portsmouth, Mary Ellen Reisz of Portsmouth, Cleo Mae and her husband Harold Lefeber of Minden, Robert Leinen and his wife Connie of Persia, and Lois and her husband Duane Book of Ft. Lupton, CO; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. Honorary casket bearers were Todd Hendricks, Chad Fiscus, Aaron Hendricks, Heather Bucksner, Kim Hendricks, and Christine Hendricks. Serving as casket bearers were Dan Hendricks, Eric Wingert, Marc Wingert, David Bucksner, John Wehr, and Joel Fiscus. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.



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