

Wilma B. Lehan, 74

Feb. 10, 1920 - Sept. 17, 1994

Defiance - Wilma Barbara Lehan, daughter of Henry and Mary (Haberberger) Blum was born February 10, 1920 on a farm near Earling. She was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap and received her First Communion and was Confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended country school and St. Joseph's School in Earling. She lived with her parents after her schooling.

She married Charles E. Lehan Feb. 8, 1937 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived northwest of Earling while he taught school. In 1943 they moved to a farm west of Defiance until 1950 when they moved to Defiance. They then owned and operated Lehan's Grocery Store from 1950 until 1978 when they retired. After he died April 22, 1986, she continued to make her home in Defiance. She died Sept. 17, 1994 at the home of her daughter in Defiance at age 74 years, seven months and seven days. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women, the Community Club, all of Defiance, and a Red Cross volunteer for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles and a great-grandson Luke Lehan. She is survived by her children Jeanie Wells (Leonard) of Defiance; Joe Lehan (Connie) of Minden; Bert Lehan (Suzanne) of Marcus; JoAnn Miller (Allan) of California, PA; Dennis Lehan (Linda) of Dunlap; Connie Lehan-Spangler (David) of Shenandoah; Charles Lehan, Jr. (Joni) of Co. Bluffs; Daniel Lehan (Connie) of Harlan and James



P. Lehan of Spencer; two brothers Ivo Blum (Lavina) of Earling and Donald Blum (Marie) of Defiance; one sister Marie (George) Stolz of Earling; two sisters-in-law Maurine Lehan and Maurecia Kenkel both of Dunlap; 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three aunts Theresa Thompson of AZ; Josephine Gross of Earling and Barbara Fahrenkrog of Logan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Sept. 21, 1994 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Chuck Kottas, celebrant. Concelebrating was Msgr. Lawrence Beeson, Fr. Gerald Deere, Msgr. John McIlhon and Rev. James Chiaro. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery with Joe Lehan, Dennis Lehan, James P. Lehan, Charles Lehan, Jr., Bert Lehan and Daniel Lehan casket bearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.