

## Emma Lefebber, 87

Sept. 1, 1909 - May 5, 1997

**PORTSMOUTH** - Emma Ann Lefebber, daughter of Constant H. and Rose (Greiner) Leinen, was born Sept. 1, 1909 at Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church and attended St. Mary's School.

Nov. 5, 1928, she married John Lefebber at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. They became the parents of seven children. They farmed their entire married lives southeast of Portsmouth. After the death of John Dec. 16, 1963, she continued to reside on the family farm until 1965, when she moved into Portsmouth. It was there that she died May 5, 1997, at age 87 years, eight months and four days. She was a member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and was active in church and community affairs.

She planned and oversaw the cooking for most of the weddings and funerals in the church, and had served in that capacity for many years as well as belonging to the Sewing Circle, the Rosary Confraternity, had served on the Area 8 Senior Citizens Board of Directors and was a member of the Woodmen of the World Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert, as well as a granddaughter, Peggy Lefebber, and a great grandson, Mason Lefebber, as well as her sister, Catherine Wieging. She is survived by her children, Russell Lefebber (Dorothy) of Harlan; Eugene Lefebber (Joanne) and Richard Lefebber (Stella) all of Portsmouth; Ernest Lefebber (Shirley) of Harlan; Margie Gorden (Ray Dean) of Arion and LaVonne Jensen (Paul) of Co. Bluffs; daughter-in-law, Irene Lefebber of Portsmouth; 33 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Williams of Denison; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 9, 1997, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly homilist. Concelebrating were Rev. Paul Monahan, Msgr. Michael Schwarte and Rev. Gordon Gittins. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth with Dan Lefebber, Dennis Lefebber, Tom Lefebber, John Lefebber, Dean Lefebber, Lyle Lefebber, Patrick Gorden and Michael Jensen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

