

Ethel Miles, 87

Feb. 10, 1928 - May 13, 2015

HARLAN — Catherine

Ethel Miles was born on February 10, 1928 to Alex and Theresa (Windeshausen) Von Tersch in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church where she remained a lifelong member. Ethel attended Harlan Community Schools and graduated with the Class of 1946.

September 13, 1946, she was united in marriage to Jay Dean Miles. They became parents to seven children: Bonnie, Connie, John, Janice, Mary, Carol, and Peggy. For twenty-five years she worked as a housekeeper for one of the local motels, but her favorite job was being a homemaker and raising her children. Some of her favorite times were taking camping trips to Missouri and South Dakota. Ethel never learned to drive a car but was always willing to help the driver. She attended her grandchildren's events, loved to shop, especially at garage sales, but never went out without her lipstick. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary and a fan of rock and roll music but liked to listen to all types of music. Ethel was a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Home in Harlan when she died on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the age of eighty-seven years, three months, and three days.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, Theresa and Alex; husband Dean; son John; great-grandson Damian Grote; great-granddaughter Taylor Goodwin; and brothers John and Allen Von Tersch. She is survived by her children: Bonnie and her husband Dennis Doyle of Littleton, CO, Connie and her husband Bernie Heller of Council Bluffs, Janice and her husband Jim Gaul of Earling, Mary and her husband Mike Grote of Council Bluffs, Carol and her husband Cliff Rishling of Omaha, NE, and Peggy and her husband John Linton of Fort Calhoun, NE; twelve grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Georgene Von Tersch of Lakewood, CO; other family members and friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial with Concelebrant Rev. Don Bruck on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. John Rosman accompanied vocalist Maryalyce Dotzler. Honorary casket bearers were Bonnie Doyle, Connie Heller, Janice Gaul, Mary Grote, Carol Rishling, and Peggy Linton. Serving as casket bearers were Dennis Doyle, Bernie Heller, Jim Gaul, Mike Grote, Cliff Rishling, and John Linton. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery.



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