

## **Catherine Schaben, 90**

**Sept. 4, 1906 - Oct. 14, 1996**

**DEFIANCE** - Catherine Johanna Schaben, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Erlbacher) Block was born Sept. 4, 1906, at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended St. Joseph's School.

On Jan. 25, 1932, she married Clarence "Bud" Schaben at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. They farmed near Defiance until 1965, when she retired from farming. April 21, 1988, she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling, and this continued to be her home after the death of her husband on June 11, 1990. She died at the Little Flower Haven on Oct. 14, 1996, at age 90 years, one month and 10 days. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and St. Peter's Altar Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Adolph and Dennis Schaben; her brothers and sisters, Henry, August and Joe Block, twins, John and Mary Block, August Schmitz, Josephine Schaben, Leonard Block, Herman Block, Laurine Block, Louise Altman and Ernest Block, as well as a son-in-law, Leo McCullough. She is survived by her children, Mary (Richard) Muell, Mo. Valley; Alice McCullough of Carroll; Donald (Judy) Schaben and Warren "Tobe" (Louann) Schaben, Defiance; Marlene Christensen (Lyle) of Audubon and Allen Schaben (Joanne) of Defiance; 25 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; three step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren; her sister, Sister Brendon Block of Earling, and her sister-in-law, Marie Block-Smith of Dunlap; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 18, 1996, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Steve Muell, Darrell McCullough, Troy Schaben, Bryce Schaben, Randy McCullough and Curtis Schaben as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.