

Ardith A. Schaben, 70

Dec. 1, 1930 - Aug. 28, 2001

DEFIANCE – Ardith Ann Schaben was born Dec. 1, 1930, to Ann (McCaffery) and Louis Henkelman in Defiance. She was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla, and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She graduated from St. Paul's Catholic High School also of Defiance.

Feb. 7, 1949, she married Robert J. Schaben at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union eight children were born. Following their wedding, the couple located on a farm near Defiance, and remained there until 1970, when they moved to Defiance. She was a lifetime member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. She died Aug. 28, 2001, at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center at age 70 years, eight months and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold and Ray Henkelman. She is survived by her husband, Robert Schaben of Defiance; her children, Jim Schaben (Jackie) of Denison; Joe Schaben (Joyce) of Las Vegas, NV; Kenny Schaben of Crete, NE; Bobby Schaben (Ruth) of Harlan; Bill Schaben (Julie) of Defiance; Mary Ann (Tom) Sullivan of Woodbine; Frank Schaben of Lincoln, NE and John Schaben (Mary Jo) of Defiance; 26 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Frank Henkelman (Mary Jane) of Defiance; sisters, Mary Ellen (Lavern) Schmitz of Defiance; Loretta (Joe Ray) Kenkel of Earling; Dorothy (Max) Kenkel of Earling and Agnes (Jay) Menze of Warrensburg, MO; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 31, 2001, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with her sons as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

