

Dorothy Schechinger, 97

Feb. 13, 1909 - Jan. 19, 2007

HARLAN — Dorothy Helen Schechinger was born in Earling, Feb. 13, 1909, to Joseph and Mayme (Glawinski) Stephany. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She grew up in Earling and attended the St. Joseph Catholic School in Earling.

Dorothy married Joseph J. Schechinger Nov. 20, 1927, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Four children were born to this union, Gladys, Mildred, Bill, and Sandra. Dorothy was a mother and a homemaker throughout her life. Dorothy and Joe made their home and raised their children on the farm until 1960 when they retired and built a house on Baldwin Street in Harlan. Even after renting out the farm, Dorothy continued to keep track of all business matters relating to the farm. She remained in the home that she and her husband built until 2001, when she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. She died Jan. 19, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 97 years, 11 months, and six days.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Joe in 1966, as well as her son-in-law, Gary. She is survived by her children, Gladys (Leroy) Anastasi of Harlan; Mildred (Charles) Behrendt of Harlan; Bill (Kay) Schechinger of Yantis, TX; and Sandra and her deceased husband, Gary Stamp, of Sioux Falls, SD; her brother, Paul (Phyllis) Stephany of Harlan; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 22, 2007, with Rev. Bob Hoeffler officiating at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Casket bearers were Jeff Stamp, Joe Schechinger, Pat Behrendt, Vicki Fagan, Mary Jo Sondag, Mike Behrendt, Barbara Evans, and Brian Stamp. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.