

Lucille "Tiny" Schmidt, 75

June 3, 1939 - Oct. 7, 2014

HARLAN — Lucille Ann Schmidt "Tiny" was born on June 3, 1939 to Otto and Clara (Goetzinger) Kloewer in Dunlap. She was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School with the Class of 1957. While in her senior year of high school, Tiny spied Mick Schmidt who was working with his father's masonry crew on the stairway addition to St. Joseph's School. Bobby Kloewer was matchmaker for Mick and Tiny, but on their first date they knew they were meant for each other. Tiny went on to work for a year at First National Bank in Omaha, NE.



June 3, 1958, Tiny was united in marriage to Michael "Mickey" Schmidt in Earling. To this union nine children were born: Julie, Mike, Cindy, Ron, Dan, Jim, Eric, Sheree, and Paul. Tiny was a stay at home mom while her children were growing up, and learned to drive a car while she was wrangling her young kids. Tiny volunteered at the church and helped with school events when the children were young. After her children were older, she worked at Norgaard's Hallmark store in Harlan until her retirement, and continued to volunteer her time at the Schmidt house which was always open to friends and family. The kitchen counter always had a place for anyone who needed to talk. Tiny mentored and advised many in high school and for years beyond. She was the friend who was always there for you, the grandma you always wanted, and the slap when needed. She is and forever will be missed by all who knew her. Tiny passed away with family at her side on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Myrtue Medical Center having attained the age of seventy-five years, four months, and four days.

Tiny was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Elise Schmidt, brothers: John, Ray, and Robert Kloewer, and sister Joann Patterson. She is survived by her husband of fifty-six years Mick Schmidt of Harlan; children: Julie and her husband Kenny Stein of Portsmouth, Michael Schmidt and his wife Donna of Harlan, Cindy Pattee and her fiancé Jerry Wagaman of Harlan, Ronald Schmidt and his wife Cynthia of Colorado Springs, CO, Daniel Schmidt and his wife Shari of Omaha, NE, James Schmidt and his wife Debbie of Harlan, Eric Schmidt and his wife Shelly of Harlan, Sheree Lichtenstein of Pittsburgh, PA, and Paul Schmidt and his wife Leah of Harlan; 25 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters: Rose Feldman, Bernie and her husband Ray Aschoff, and Theresa Johnson all of Omaha, and Mary Jane and her husband Dale Swanson of Harlan; brother Eugene Kloewer of Papillion, NE; sisters-in-law Jan Kloewer of Harlan and Carol and her husband Lee Rasmussen of Omaha; other family members and many friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. John Rosman accompanied vocalist Ryan Burchett. Honorary casket bearers were Steven Rodenborn, Chris Ludwig, Andy Boeltger, Gary Schmidt, Eugene Kloewer, and Ryan Burchett. Serving as casket bearers were her grandchildren: Benjamin Stein, Stephen Schmidt, Nathan Pattee, Ryan Schmidt, Daniell Schmidt, Brook Schmidt, Cody Schmidt, Zachary Lichtenstein, and Clara Schmidt. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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