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## Annabell Schneider, 94

*May 5, 1909 - Oct. 18, 2003*

**DEFIANCE** – Annabell Marie Schneider, the daughter of Peter and Mary Kohles Goeres, was born May 5, 1909, at Defiance. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended country school west of Defiance.

Nov. 22, 1927, Annabell married Arnold Schneider at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Two daughters, Betty and Joyce Ann, were born to this union. After their marriage, Arnold continued to work as a farm hand, until 1949, when they purchased their own farm west of Defiance. Annabell helped Arnold with chores and she had her own team of horses and wagon for picking corn. They milked cows and Annabell raised a large garden. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and was also a member of the Altar Society. She died Oct. 18, 2003; at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 94 years, five months and 13 days.

In addition to her parents, Annabell was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; a daughter, Joyce Ann; and three sisters, Elizabeth, Lenora "Norie" and an infant sister. Survivors include her daughter, Betty Henkelman of Defiance; her four grandchildren, Mary Ann (Dennis) Anastasi of Defiance; Gary Feser (Becky) of Irwin, Dale Feser (Lanae) of Waseca, MN; Tom Feser of Harlan; three great grandchildren, Jason Anastasi (Stephanie) of Harlan; Jared Anastasi of Defiance; Joe Anastasi of Defiance; two great-great grandchildren, Jaden and Alex Anastasi of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 20, 2003, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in the Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Gary Feser, Mary Ann Anastasi, Dale Feser, Jason Anastasi, Joe Anastasi and Jared Anastasi casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.