

Kathryn J. Sonderman, 88

June 27, 1909 - Jan. 19, 1998

DEFIANCE - Kathryn J. Sonderman, daughter of Edward and Lena (Klein) Wageman, was born June 27, 1909, on her parents' farm northeast of Defiance. She was baptized and confirmed in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She was a member of St. Peter's Altar and Rosary Society where she served as an officer. She attended country school near her home.

She married Joseph F. Sonderman Sept. 18, 1928, at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. They were the first couple to be married in the newly erected church. After their marriage, they farmed land four miles south of Defiance. Later they purchased that same farm; it was there that they made their home just forty years before retiring. They enjoyed 45 years of married life until Joe's death June 20, 1974. They were the parents of nine children. She became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center in July of 1996. She died Jan. 19, 1998, at age 88 years, six months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, James and Harold and his wife Gemma (Schechinger); three grandchildren, Dean Kloewer, Gaylen Sonderman and Ron Woerdehoff; one sister, Rose McCollum, and two brothers, Henry and George Wageman. Survivors include her children, Marcy (Earl) Powers of Defiance; Pearl (Harold) Schulte of Westphalia; Mickey (Don) Kloewer of Defiance; Alice (Dick) Kloewer of Englewood, CO; George (Dian) Sonderman of Earling; Leo (Lois) Sonderman of Defiance; Jane (Gerald) Tremel of Dunlap; her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Sonderman of Portsmouth; 35 grandchildren; 57 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; her sisters, Verdella Bertelsen of Minneapolis, MN; Josephine Marshall of Minneapolis, MN; Ann (Clyde) Wetherby of Minneapolis, MN; Leona Buman of Harlan; her brothers, Elmer (Margaret) Wageman of Defiance; Edward (Patricia) Wageman of Harlan; Dorothy Sonderman of Earling; brother and sisters-in-law, Alfred and Rita Sonderman of Ohio; her brother-in-law, Al Huebner of Texas; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 22, 1998, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.P.P.S. celebrant and Rev. Don Bruck homilist. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Diane Sprick, Gary Schulte, Bob Powers, Troy Sonderman, Todd Tremel, Ron Kloewer, Guyle Sonderman and Jeff Sonderman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

