

Jean Wilson, 81

June 3, 1925 - May 22, 2007

HARLAN — Jean Wilson was born June 3, 1925, to Stephen and Mary Ellen (Cameron) Parquet in Omaha, NE. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Omaha in 1943. She continued her education at Duchesne College, graduating in 1947 as a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, a National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. She began her teaching career in the Neola Public School after graduation and in 1948, went on to teach English, Speech, and Drama in the Avoca High School.



Aug. 6, 1949, Jean married Maurice Wilson at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Omaha. Although she became a homemaker as her four children, Patti, Kathy, Tom, and Steve, were born, Jean enjoyed her teaching career and stayed active in her field throughout her life by judging for the Iowa High School Speech Association, as a teacher for those wishing to receive their GED, and as a substitute teacher. Jean loved to be around people and have lots of activities going on. This love of people and desire to be involved led her to many service projects and volunteer activities in the Avoca community. She was an active member in the Federated Women's Club of Avoca, St. Mary's Catholic Church, bridge clubs, and the Avoca Golf and Country Club. Jean and Maury lived in Avoca until they moved to Elm Crest Assisted Living in April of 2000. She died May 22, 2007, at her residence at Elm Crest Assisted Living in Harlan at age eighty-one years, eleven months, and nineteen days.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Maury, and one grandson, Joe Hull. She is survived by her children: Patti (Mike) Annis of Athens, GA, Kathy (Larry) Hull of Harlan, Tom Wilson (Jan) of Nevada, IA, and Steve Wilson (Debbie) of Manchester, MO; six grandchildren: Paul, Mark, Ian, Kelsey, Sarah, and Heather; two sisters: Mary Ellen (Fred) Herx of Sterling, MA and Anne (Tom) Mitchell of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 25, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating. Casket bearers were Tom Wilson, Paul Annis, Mike Annis, Steve Wilson, Mark Hull, Larry Hull, and Ian Wilson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.