

## Irene Coenen, 83

*Aug. 6, 1921 - Feb. 5, 2005*

**DUNLAP** — Irene Theresa (Musich) Coenen was born Aug. 6, 1921, to Michael and Katherine (Schneider) Musich in Westphalia. She grew up in the Westphalia area and graduated from St. Boniface Catholic School.

Sept. 30, 1941, Irene married Raymond P. Coenen at St. Boniface Catholic Church. The couple farmed near Panama for four years, before they moved to a farm in the Westphalia area and eventually moved to the Coenen family farm. In the spring of 1973 they moved to Dunlap and purchased the Dunlap Locker. They sold this business in 1987. Irene then worked at the mealsite and as a teacher's aide at the Boyer Valley School. She then became a senior volunteer at the school. Irene was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and she was a Catholic Daughter. She died Feb. 5, 2005, at her home in Dunlap at age 83 years, five months, and 30 days.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings. She is survived by her 13 children, Kathleen (Jeff) Marxen of Omaha, NE; Shirley (Gary) Lee of Wilmington, OH; Roger (Chris) Coenen of Boynton Beach, FL; Ray (Patricia) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Mary Lou (Wendell) Riley of Spirit Lake; Michael (Laura) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Theresa (Tim) Corrigan of Littleton, CO; Martha (Duane) Finken of Earling; Denice Coenen of Omaha, NE; Sharon (Craig) Mitchell of Dunlap; Lois Coenen of Niwot, CO; Dean (Nancy) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Margie (Bob) Heffernan of Woodbine; and Raymond P. Coenen (Nebraska Skilled Nursing) Omaha, NE; 29 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Helen (Lawrence) Petsche of Harlan, Alice Ann Seibert of Lovington, NM; brother, Laverne (Helen) Musich of Westphalia; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dunlap, Feb. 9, 2005, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter and Deacon Marvin Klein celebrants. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Jeff Hunt, Brad Coenen, John Coenen, Matt Heller, Patrick Corrigan, Jason Finken, Joe Coenen, Ben Mitchell and Ross Coenen casket bearers. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

