

Lioba K. Goeser, 88

Jan. 8, 1911 – Sept. 5, 1999

HARLAN – Lioba K. Goeser, daughter of Mike and Magdalena (Jacoby) Finken, was born Jan. 8, 1911, at Defiance. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church and attended school at St. Paul's Catholic School. She grew to adulthood in Defiance.

Oct. 9, 1933, she married Zeno Goeser at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Following their wedding, the couple made their home in Omaha. While in Omaha, they became the parents of one son, Peter. In 1941, the Goeser family moved back to Defiance where they became members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. While residing in Defiance, Lioba became the cook at St. Paul's Catholic School. Following the death of her husband, Zeno, in 1968, she moved to Harlan where she was employed at Red's Café and the Harlan Coffee Shop. In May of 1998, she became a resident of Longview Nursing Home in Missouri Valley. She died Sept. 5, 1999, at Missouri Valley at age 88 years, seven months and 28 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Zeno; her son, Peter; her sisters, Armella Wettingel, Pauline Heesch, Rita Sanford, Mary Strong and Gertrude Finken; and her brother, Eugene. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Shannon Goeser of Harlan; grandchildren, Kathryn Goeser of Co. Bluffs; Terry Goeser (Cindy) of Missouri Valley; Michelle (Michael) Hack of Co. Bluffs; and Laurie (Tom) Schlekeway of Parker, CO; sisters, Vivian Kuhr of Des Moines; Teresa (Ted) Brazie of Nogal, NM and Isabelle Finken of Des Moines; a brother, James Finken of Des Moines; seven great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 10, 1999, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance with John Jacob, Thomas Koon, Tom Schlekeway and Edward Goeser honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Finken, Terry Goeser, Jerry Jacob, Michael Hack, Josh Goeser and John Wells. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.