

Patricia A. Grudle, 72

March 17, 1926 - June 23, 1998 ✓

HARLAN - Patricia Ann Grudle, daughter of William J. McDonald and Grace E. (Good) McDonald, was born March 17, 1926, in Neola. She was baptized at St. Patrick's Church in Neola and was confirmed at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. She attended Underwood High School where she played basketball and was their homecoming queen. She was a member of the graduating class of 1945.

She married James W. Grudle Oct. 5, 1949, at Weston. Four children were born to this union, Dennis, Sandy, Donald and Jeanne. After their marriage, they farmed at Crescent. In 1973, they moved from the Crescent farm to Co. Bluffs and in 1975, they moved to Persia. Jim died Sept. 7, 1983 on the Persia farm as a result of a tractor accident. Two years after his death, she moved to Co. Bluffs. In 1990, she began dialysis due to kidney failure and moved to Harlan. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Dialysis Unit in Harlan, which opened in February of 1993. In her earlier years, she was a member of a card club in Neola. She died June 23, 1998, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, at age 72 years, three months and six days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Jim, she was preceding in death by her daughter, Sandy Denning; her granddaughter, Tricia Marie Denning; and her brothers, Ray McDonald and Bernard McDonald. Survivors include her children, Jeanne (Rich) Bielenberg of Harlan; Donald Grudle (Pam) of Harlan; Dennis Grudle (Mary) of Persia; her grandchildren, Tiffany and R. J. Bielenberg of Harlan; Kim Denning of Harlan; Danielle and Samantha Grudle of Co. Bluffs; Kylie and Tyler Stahl of Harlan; Dina Fulton of Co. Bluffs; one great grandson, James Reece Fulton of Co. Bluffs; her sisters, Rose Leonard of Co. Bluffs; Ruth (Jim) McDonald of Emerson; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 26, 1998, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Co. Bluffs, with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Co. Bluffs, with Larry Konz, Jim McDonald, Larry Epp, Tom Leonard, Joe Grudle and Harold Grudle honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tom McDonald, Paul McDonald, Ken Grudle, Rick McDonald, Bob McDonald and Mike McDonald. Beem-Belford in Co. Bluffs in charge of arrangements.

