

Agnes Hastert, 73 ✓

Sept. 9, 1932 - Aug. 24, 2006



HARLAN — Agnes Cecelia Hastert, daughter of Herman Freund and Christine (Mumm) Freund, was born Sept. 9, 1932, at Defiance. She was baptized at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and later confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended grade schools in Defiance and Earling and after her parents moved to the Panama area, she attended St. Mary's High School, graduating with the class of 1950.

Feb. 27, 1954, Agnes married Jacob C. Hastert at St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Westphalia area where they raised their family. At that time, they were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church where she was a member of the Rosary Society. Agnes was a farm wife. After farming near Westphalia for nearly 40 years, they retired and moved into Harlan in 1993, and became members of St. Michael's Catholic Church where she was active with the guild. After her children were raised, she was a care giver for the elderly. She died at Myrtue Medical Center Aug. 24, 2006, at age 73 years, 11 months and 15 days.

In addition to her parents, Agnes was preceded in death by her son, Paul, in 1974 and two brothers, Harold and Ralph Freund. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Jacob Hastert of Harlan; her children, Robert "Toby" Hastert (Tammy) of Harlan, Richard Hastert (Deborah) of Harlan, William Hastert (June) of Harlan, Linda (Randall) Terpstra of Hawarden, Timothy Hastert (Jan) of Harlan and Mary (Stuart) Oden of Wahoo, NE; 13 grandchildren; her sister, Rosemary Wingert of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Robert Hoeffler Aug. 28, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Jeff Hastert, Amanda Carter, Anna Hastert, Ross Hastert, Lindsey Terpstra, Morgan Oden, Jason Hastert, Travis Terpstra, Nicholas Oden, Ashley Hastert, Megan Hastert, Melissa Hastert and Rebecca Blair honorary casket bearers and Robert Hastert, Randall Terpstra, Richard Hastert, William Hastert, Stuart Oden and Timothy Hastert casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.