

Suzette Langenfeld, 81

Dec. 19, 1924 - Nov. 7, 2006

PORTSMOUTH — Suzette Rose Langenfeld was born Dec. 19, 1924, to Joseph and Mary (Hammes) Sondag joining six brothers and sisters. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth where she remained an active member throughout her entire life. Suzette attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth, before graduating in 1942.

Oct. 1, 1946, Suzette married Richard Langenfeld at St. Mary's in Portsmouth. They made their home on the farm near Portsmouth until 1977 when they moved into town. Six children were born to their union, Mary, Jane, Don, John, Allen, and Ann. Suzette was a homemaker and cared for her family while serving her church as sacristan. She was a member of a quilting club and a member of the Shelby County Historical Society in Harlan, as well as becoming involved in the Widows or Widowers (WOW) group after the death of her husband of 45 years in July of 1991. She entered Myrtue Medical Center Nov. 7, 2006, where she died hours later at age 81 years, 10 months, and 19 days.

In addition to her parents, Suzette was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her son, Allen; sister, Marie Sondag, and brothers, Francis, Ted, and Msgr. Joseph Sondag. She is survived by her children, Mary (Leo) Naujokaitis of Omaha, NE; Jane (John) Parsons of Cave Creek, AZ; Don (Sandy) Langenfeld of Mt. Prospect, IL, John (Kelene) Langenfeld of Omaha, NE; and Ann (Joe) Breedlove of Colorado Springs, CO, a brother, Rich (Leona) Sondag of Portsmouth, and a sister, Barbara (Rich) Heller of Portsmouth; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Ceil Brown and Joan Sondag, brother-in-law, W.G. Langenfeld; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Dorton Nov. 13, 2006, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Philip Langenfeld honorary casket bearer and Kevin Naujokaitis, Steven Parsons, Alan Naujokaitis, Michael Langenfeld, Justin Langenfeld and Eric Langenfeld casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

