

Cecilia Wear, 93

Jan. 12, 1910 - Nov. 11, 2003

PERSIA – Cecilia Margaret Wear, daughter of John and Anna Von Tersch Gayman, was born Jan. 12, 1910, in Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. She grew to adulthood in Neola, and attended Saint Joseph's School there.

Cecilia married Walter Wear Feb. 18, 1936, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. To this union six children were born. Walter and Cecilia were lifetime farmers in Harrison County near Persia. She was an active member of St. Mary's Church where she helped clean and decorate. Her church activities

also included her church circle serving church lunches and dinners. She, with the assistance of her granddaughter, Ann, authored the second best cookbook at the Iowa State Fair the year she celebrated her 90th birthday. Cecilia died Nov. 11, 2003, at Longview Home in Missouri Valley, at age 93 years, nine months and 30 days.

Her parents and husband, Walter, who died July 26, 1997; her two sons, John and one who died as an infant; her daughter, Patricia; her sister, Elizabeth Bendon; and two brothers, Leo and Al Gayman, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Charles Wear (Janice) of Gretna, NE; George Wear (Suzette) of Persia; and Mary Ann (Ed) Schafer, Sr. of Omaha, NE; three sisters, Mathilda McEvoy of Logan; Agnes Wessel of Elkhorn, NE; and Rose Wear of Missouri Valley; 15 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 13, 2003, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Joe Walsh celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Paul Wear, Robert Birding, Alan Wear, Michael Schafer, Michael Wear and Ed Schafer, Jr. casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

