

Lila Wells, 67

Feb. 14, 1936 - Sept. 26, 2003

DEFIANCE – Lila Jean Wells was born Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 1936, in Harrison County, near Dunlap. She attended school and graduated from Elk Horn High School. She resided at Elim House in Elk Horn, where the residents became her family.

Jan. 21, 1956, she married John Wells, Sr. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Two sons were born to this union, John and Robert. After their marriage, they made their home in Defiance. Lila was a homemaker. Lila died Sept. 26, 2003, at Creighton University Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 67 years, seven months and 12 days.

Survivors include her husband, John Wells of Defiance; her sons, John Wells (Teresa) of Defiance; Robert Wells (Annette) of Defiance; six grandchildren, John Wells, Crystal Wells, Dillon Wells, Angelina Wells, Abbie Wells and Colton Wells; her sisters, Pauline Olesen of Casselberry, FL; Lois Jessen of Atlantic; Shirley (Don) Peterson of Harlan; her brother, Marvin Granteer of Council Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 29, 2003, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner and Rev. Mr. Robert Sullivan officiating. Honorary casket bearers were her Elim House Brothers and Sisters. Casket bearers were Brian Wells, Bob Wilwerding, Jerry Heller, Alan Wilwerding, Wes Walker, Tim Coenen, Jeff Jessen and Richard Mardesen. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

