

**Rita Schaben - 74**

**Jan. 25, 1933 - Dec. 11, 2007**

**HARLAN** – Rita T. Schaben, age 74 of Harlan, IA passed away December 11, 2007 at her home. Rita was born January 25, 1933 in Portsmouth, IA to the late John J. and Kunigunda (Foxhoven) Fuhs. She graduated in 1951 from St. Mary's High School in Portsmouth, IA. Rita married Edwin Schaben January 8, 1953. To this union five children were born. The Schaben's made their home in Panama, IA for 48 years before moving to Harlan in 2004. Rita was a homemaker and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. She worked in parish groups and functions, was president and vice-president of her sewing circle, avid quilter, loved embroidering and caring and being with her grandchildren.



Rita was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Bernadine and Mark Kenkel, brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Deloros Fuhs and brother-in-law, Mark Kramer and brother-in-law Marvin Schaben. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Edwin H. Schaben of Harlan, daughters, Debra Groth and husband Pat of Harlan, Connie Schaben of Omaha, NE, sons, Tom Schaben, Larry Schaben and wife Kathy all of Omaha, Gary Schaben and wife Jackie of Portsmouth, IA, granddaughters, Brooke, Taylor, Logan, and Morgan Schaben all of Portsmouth, IA, sisters, Mildred Goeser and husband Don of Council Bluffs, Mary Ann Kramer of Earling, IA, Pat Smith and husband Jerry of San Jose, CA, brothers, Robert Fuhs and wife Marge of Sacramento, CA, Joe Fuhs of Omaha, nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with a Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. with Deacon Pat Davitt officiating. Mass of Christian Burial was held December 13, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Rev. Robert Hoefler, pastor officiating. Interment was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, IA with a lunch following at St. Michael's Parish Center. Memorials to the wishes of the family or masses.

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