

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Obituary

Dorothy M. Kuess

Dorothy M. Kuess, 90, formerly of Jefferson St. Maria Stein, died Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Gardens of St. Henry.

Mrs. Kuess was born Oct. 13, 1913 in St. Henry, the daughter of the late George and Bernadine Schmackers Lefeld.

Her first husband was Harold Seger. They were married May 5, 1934 and he died June 2, 1935. She then married Joseph Buening, Nov. 24, 1936. He died Feb. 20, 1976. Her third husband was Richard Kuess. They were married Feb. 11, 1977 and he died Oct. 5, 2003.

Survivors include sons George (Rosemary) Bruns of Celina, Leonard Bruns of Greenville, and Alvina (Jan) of Sidney; step sons Othmar (Nancy Jean) Kuess of Celina and Virgil (Rita) Kuess of Chickasaw; daughters Delores (John) Gaier of Fort Loramie and Helen (George) Barhorst of Fort Loramie; 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Brothers Ed Lefeld of St. Wendelin, Ben Lefeld, Henry Lefeld, and Martin Lefeld, all of St. Henry; and sisters Agnes Pohlman of Maria Stein and Bernie Homan of St. Henry, also survive. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kuess was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Maria Stein, where she was a eucharistic minister. She belonged to the Knights of St. John Auxiliary No. 288 and the drill team; the American Legion Auxiliary No. 571, the Retreat League, and she organized the Knights of St. John Senior Citizens.

She was a homemaker.

Rev. Harry Cavanaugh will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. John Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m. and Thursday 9 to 10 a.m. at Hokekamp Funeral Home, Minster.