

Remembrance

Dian Mary Sonderman, 72

Sept. 20, 1946 - March 25, 2019

EARLING – Dian Mary Sonderman, daughter of Ambrose and Margaret (Brincks) Klocke, was born on September 20, 1946 in Carroll. She was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School through the eighth grade in Templeton. Dian then attended Carroll Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll where she graduated with the class of 1963. After high school, she worked at a grocery store in Carroll.

After meeting at a dance at the Five Mile House, Dian began dating George Sonderman of Defiance. On June 7, 1969, they were united in marriage at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. They then made their home for a few years in Defiance before moving to a farm outside of Defiance where they raised their four children: Tammy, Troy, Heidi and Holly.

Having been raised on her family's farm, Dian was a small but mighty, hard working farm wife who enjoyed working side by side with George. She was a long time member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and was active with the ladies guild. She was a loving wife and mother who instilled the importance of her Catholic faith into her children and grandchildren. She also ran a daycare out of her home on the farm.

Dian was a great cook and insisted on always cooking a full course meal complete with homemade dessert. She was also a great seamstress and was able to alter any clothing item for her family. Summer months were always her favorite, when she could enjoy her flower gardens and when the finches would visit. She enjoyed shopping, reading, playing Hand and Foot card games with ladies card group and even a little gambling now and then. She also loved spending time with her family and always insisted on taking a family vacation every summer.

Dian died at the Jennie Edmundson Methodist Hospital in Council Bluffs on March 25, 2019 having attained the age of 72 years, six months and five days.

In addition to her parents, Dian was preceded in death by her siblings: Deloras Leiting, Marian Grossman, Lawrence Klocke, Lois Sellers, Marjorie Sturm, Alverna Irlmeier and Carlene Goecke.

Dian is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, George Sonderman of Earling; her children: Tammy and her husband Scott Tunning of Coon Rapids; Troy Sonderman and his wife Emily of Earling; Heidi and her husband Jason Sporrer of Logan, and Holly and her husband Brandon Hillgartner of Harlan; 14 grandchildren; one great grandchild and her brother Alvin Klocke and his wife LouAnna of Minnesota and sisters Joan Hoffmeier of Council Bluffs, and Betty LaVan of Minnesota; brother-in-law Larry Goecke of Florida; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

An 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost on Friday, March 29, 2019 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Justin Tunning, Joel Sibbel, Will Sonderman, Hayden Hillgartner, Jacob Sporrer, Dale Sturm, and Dave Irlmeier served as casket bearers. Interment was held at Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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