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Josephine Henry, 90

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Josephine Margaret Mary Van Ersvelde Henry was born on Oct. 6, 1922 at Brooklyn, to Henry and Mary Van Waus Van Ersvelde. She was the youngest of 11 siblings. Josephine graduated from country school in 1935. She married Edward Carroll Henry on Jan. 28, 1942, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. They became the parents of ten children. Josephine worked at the Montezuma Nursing Home, Brownells, was a self employed house cleaner and devoted her life to being a farm wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She loved her family, helping others, vegetable and flower gardening, sewing, quilting and was a wonderful cook.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward, in 2006; an infant son, Ronald; a daughter, Nancy; a son, Edward; her son-in-law, Steve Conklin; her granddaughter-in-law, Kathy Henry; and her brothers and sisters, Emma, Julia, Rose, Clara, Philomena, Frank, Bruno, Raymond, Henry and John.

Josephine is survived by her children, Charles (Beverley) Henry of Deep River, Donald (Janice) Henry of Montezuma, David Henry of Barnes City, Barbara (Roger) Flander of Grinnell, Donna Conklin of Orlando, Fla., Agnes Henry (Jeff Martin) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Michael (Diane) Henry of Barnes City; her grandchildren, Marcella (Randy) Shifflet of Montezuma, Elizabeth (David) Stoker of Guernsey, Jeffrey (Bud) (Ann) Henry of South St. Paul, Minn., Jonathon (J.D.) (Krystal) Henry of Virginia Beach, Va., Gary (Sarah) Henry of Deep River, Jason (Jessica) Henry of Belle Plaine, Brent (Kim) Flander of Grinnell, Sharon (Griffin) Jones of State College, Pa., Michelle (Lance) Johnston of Huxley, Shannon (Nicole) Henry of Eagen, Minn., Alex (Lisa) Ojeda of Woodstock Ontario, Canada, Jennifer Henry of Barnes City, Wesley Henry of Barnes City and Danielle Merena of Orlando, Fla.; great grandchildren, Natalie, Brody, Zachary, Lindsey, Riley, Ellie, Thatcher, Tyler, Callen, Dakota, Emmalee, Hunter, Brookelynn, Alyssa, Aubrey, Baby J, and Elise. Also, two sister-in-law's, Lois Van Ersvelde of Grinnell, Wilma Henry of Burleson, Texas; and a daughter-in-law, Suzanne Henry, as well as many other friends and relatives.

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