



Cecilia C. Eck

May 13, 1930 - March 28, 2013

Funeral Mass for Cecilia Eck, 82, of Pierce City will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, April 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City with Father Peter Morciniec officiating. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Sunday with visitation to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City.

Mrs. Eck died Thursday, March 28 at Mercy Hospital, Joplin after a short illness.

Born, May 13, 1930 to Paul and Minnie Flehmer, she was a lifelong Pierce City resident and a 1947 graduate of Pierce City High School. She attended Marymount College in Salina, Kan. and was employed by Murray Auto Service in Pierce City where she sold Studebaker cars for four years before marrying John Eck on Aug. 20, 1951 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 1995.

A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, she had served her church and St. Mary's School throughout her lifetime in many capacities. She also served on the Board of Education of McAuley Regional High School in Joplin, was a 4-H leader for 40 years and inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame in 2009.

A self-employed farmer and cattlegwoman, she served for many years as secretary of the Southwest Missouri Angus Association, managing many group sales; was a member of the Missouri Angus Association having served on the board of directors and as a delegate of the association to the national convention. She was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association and instrumental in organizing the Southwest Missouri Beef Cattle

Improvement Association and named Cattlewoman of the Year in 1980 by her peers. She was a strong proponent of youth in agriculture and attended cattle shows across the United States either as an exhibitor or a supporter of her children and grandchildren.

Over the past 62 years, the progressive farming efforts of she and her husband, John, have been recognized with numerous awards and the herd of registered Angus cattle they developed was named as a Historic Angus Herd in 1983. Together they were honored as Seedstock Producers of the Year by the SWMBCIA in 1985 and Pioneer Angus Breeders by the Missouri Angus Association in 2002.

She is survived by a son, Richard Eck and his wife, Janet, of Pierce City; two daughters, Linda Eck of Sarcoxie and Mary Jo Washam and her husband, Rick, of Pierce City; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include her sister, Mary Jennett of Sarcoxie and a brother, John J. Flehmer of Denver, Colorado. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred Flehmer and Joseph Flehmer both of Pierce City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School in Pierce City or the Angus Foundation/Missouri Junior Angus Scholarship Fund.

Services are under the direction of Lakin Funeral Home of Pierce City.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 7:25 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
200 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2827

Rosary Service

MAR 31. 7:00 PM - 7:25 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cecilia C. Eck

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ Linda - so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May the good Lord comfort and sustain you and the rest of the Eck family at this difficult time. Hang in there! Rick Nichols, Leavenworth, Kan.

Rick Nichols - April 06, 2013 at 05:36 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your mom. She was quite a lady. She was a memorable figure among Angus breeders. She will be missed by all who knew her. Patty & Jerry Pyle

patty pyle - April 02, 2013 at 02:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Your in our thoughts and prayers Linda, Minnie and Zoe. From All The Borland's

Lori Borland - April 01, 2013 at 05:43 PM



“ She has always been there she was my shoulder to cry on!!!! I loved her so much she is in a better place! I Love you great grandma CC

Lexi Eck - March 31, 2013 at 09:34 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Rick/Gail Brattin



Rick/Gail Brattin - March 28, 2013 at 06:44 PM

FH

So sorry to hear of Cecilia's passing. I will always remember her as a good friend. Fanny Heeter

Fanny Heeter - March 30, 2013 at 10:33 AM

 Lexi Eck

Thanks Rick and Gail!!!

Lexi Eck - March 31, 2013 at 09:33 PM