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**Anna F. Gau, 90**

Anna Frances Gau, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Berns Breidenbach was born Jan. 23, 1893, at Tyndall, S.D. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmed at the Catholic church in Tyndall, S.D. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

On Feb. 15, 1915, she married Chrysant H. Gau at the Catholic church in Geddes, S.D. Four children were born to this union. After their married, they made their home in Geddes, until 1921, when they moved to Shelby co., settling in the vicinity of Panama and Portsmouth. They engaged in farming and Chris worked as a carpenter. In 1940, they moved to Defiance. This was their home until Chris died on Aug. 25, 1977, and she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home a short time later. This has been her home since that time.

They were privileged to celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary in Feb. of 1977. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church and also St. Peter's Alter Society, both of Defiance and Catholic Daughters of America St. Katherine's Court No. 266 of Earling. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Aug. 20, 1983 at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 28 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary and Katherine; and one brother, John. She is survived by one son, Joseph of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters, Gertrude (Mrs Alden) Janssen of Tiffin, Mildred (Mrs John) Kirschbaum of Defiance and Veronica (Mrs Ralph) Pauley of Woodbine; 20 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren; two sisters, Theresa Biggins of Platte, S.D. and Josephine Biggins of Geddes, S.D.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1983 with Rev. Lawrence Beeson as celebrant. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery in Defiance with Gerald Gau, Eugene Gau, Ronald Gau, Ralph Pauley Jr., Roger Janssen and Robert Kirschbaum serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.