

Agnes H. Michels, 88

Earling — Agnes Hedwig Michels, daughter of Frank and Anna (Gluch) Schmidt was born in Germany on April 18, 1889. She was baptized in the Catholic faith in Germany. At the age of two, she came to the U. S. with her parents and they settled in Portsmouth. She was confirmed at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth. She attended St. Mary's school and grew to adulthood in Portsmouth.

On Nov. 9, 1909, she married Frederick William Michels at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Michels farmed near Portsmouth until 1934 when they moved to a farm near Earling. They retired from farming in 1950 but continued to live on the farm. After Mr Michel's death in May, 1965, Agnes continued to make her home on the farm until becoming a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling in 1972. It was here that she died on Feb. 13, 1978, having attained the age of 88 years, 9 months and 25 days.

Mrs Michels was a long time member of St. Joseph's church in Earling. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons - Raymond and Vince; a sister, Hedwig; and by three brothers - Mike, Tony and Paul. Her survivors include two sons - Herbert Michels of Twin Falls, Idaho and Edwin Michels of Earling; a daughter, Audrey (Mrs Otto Kreutzer) of Osage City, Kans., 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother - Frank Schmidt of Bismarck, No. Dak.; nieces and nephews, other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Joseph's church in Earling on Friday, Feb. 17, 1978 with the Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Joe Maiwald, Dick Mikels, Mick Schmidt, Jerry Michels, Sylvin Miller and Sylvester Michels as casketbearers.
