

Alma M. Bruck, 82 ✓

Jan. 31, 1919 - May 7, 2001

PORTSMOUTH — Alma Mary Bruck was born Jan. 31, 1919, to Katherine (Kenkel) and Benedict Arkfeld in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1936. She grew to adulthood on the family farm and after high school attended Mount St. Scholastics College in Atchison, KS, for one year. For three years she assisted Msgr. Michael Schiltz as coach of the Panama High School girl's basketball team.



Dec. 31, 1940, she married Nicholas Bruck at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Honolulu, HI. At the time of their marriage, Nick was in the United States Navy stationed with the Pacific Fleet on the submarine "Nautilus". To this union, nine children were born. After World War II, in 1946, they returned to Iowa and started farming on her father's farm south of Portsmouth. They continued to live on the farm until their retirement in 1982, when they moved to their present home in Portsmouth. She was a member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling, and the American Legion Auxiliary No. 547 of Portsmouth. She died May 7, 2001, at her residence in Portsmouth, at age 82 years, three months and six days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Alice Mickels. She is survived by her husband, Nick of Portsmouth; her children, Nick Bruck Jr. (Linda) of Bettendorf; Ron Bruck (Judy) of Lincoln, NE; Bob Bruck (Linda) of Black Earth, WI; Joyce (Jim) Larsen of Newton; Richard Bruck (Laurie) of Newton; Joan (Steve) Ingram of Gretna, NE; Jolene (Todd) Roecker of Atlantic; Janet (Rick) Guse of Omaha, NE and Randy Bruck (Julie) of Portsmouth; 26 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 10, 2001, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant and Rev. Donald Bruck concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Ben Bruck, Nick Bruck, Jr., Randy Bruck, Ronald Bruck, Richard Bruck and Robert Bruck casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.