

Mary J. Bruck, 87

September 3, 1911 - March 27, 1999

EARLING - Mary Josephine Bruck, daughter of Nicholas and Clara (Book) Bissen, was born Sept. 3, 1911 on her parents' farm near Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended country school before attending St. Joseph's School in Earling.

Feb. 21, 1933, she married Tony W. Bruck at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, 10 children were born to this union. After their marriage they made their home on a farm near Earling until 1975 when they retired and moved into Earling. Jan. 24, 1993 Tony died at age 82, just under a month of their 60th wedding anniversary. Mary continued to make her home in Earling following the death of her husband. She was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She died March 27, 1999 at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 87 years, six months and 24 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Irma Tearney, four grandchildren, Norman, Joseph J. and Martha Wellman and Laura Telford; her sisters Hilda Bauman and Adella Stracke; her brothers Nicholas, Sylvan and Joe Bissen; four infant sisters, Hulda, Adela, Irene and Leona and one infant brother, Leo. She is survived by her children Lucille (Harry) Ausdemore of Neola; Delbert (Yvonne) Bruck of Harlan; Marian (Joe) Wellman of Neola; Walter (Cheryl) Bruck of Denison; Melvin (Marilea) Bruck of Earling; Sylvia (Dennis) Gaul of Earling; Marlene (Francis) Brich of Neola; Ralph (Joan) Bruck of Panama and Duane (Alice) Bruck of Earling; 44 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren; her sisters Cyrilla Pauley of Earling; Evelyn Smith of Panama; Sr. Mary Helen of Glenview, IL; Mildred Von Hagel of TX; and Theresa Behrendt of Dunlap; her brother, Walter Bissen of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 29, 1999 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Jeff Bruck, Nathan Bruck, Bob Bruck, James Ausdemore, Alan Wellman, Ken Gaul, Mark Tearney and Chad Brich casket bearers.

