

Mary Agnes Gross, 63

April 3, 1936 - Dec. 11, 1999

EARLING - Mary Agnes Gross, daughter of Anne Marie (Kohl) and Joseph Tremel, was born April 3, 1936, on a farm north of Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Panama, and attended St. Mary's Catholic School. Following the completion of her education, she was employed at a camera shop in Omaha. Later, she worked at the Saylor Hotel Coffee Shop in Harlan.

She married Robert Gross May 3, 1956, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Following their wedding, the couple began farming west of Earling. They were the parents of seven children. In addition to the responsibilities of her home and family, she served on the Earling Town Council, volunteered as a Den Mother, assisted with Girl Scouting and was a correspondent for the Dunlap paper. She was an active parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, serving on the Parish Council, as a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266, as a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic School Board where she served as president on two separate occasions, as an Altar Society volunteer also serving as president, CCD teacher and as a member of the church decorating committee responsible for holiday and seasonal decorating. In March of 1999, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven. She was able to return home due to the assistance of her family and Hospice care. She died Dec. 11, 1999, at her home in Earling, at age 63 years, eight months and eight days. Prior to her death, she had resided at Little Flower Haven.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant son, David; three brothers, Edward, Alphonse and Raymond, and one sister, Leona. She is survived by her children, Craig Gross (LuAnn) of Panama; Cindy Moore (Tom) of Phoenix, AZ; Sandy Thielen (Tim) of Pavilion, WY; Diane Martens (Lynn) of Portsmouth; Richard Gross (Annette) of Earling; Brad Gross and fiancée, Lisa Jumps of Earling; Kari Gross and her fiancée, Denny Kohles, of Panama; 11 grandchildren; brothers and sister, John Tremel (Dolores) of Earling; Leonard Tremel (Mary Pat) of Earling; Joseph Tremel (Irene) of Earling; Helen Frederick (Albert) of Earling; Charles Tremel (Bonnie) of Omaha, NE; Kenneth Tremel (Betty) of Panama and Ralph Tremel (Elaine) of Panama; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 14, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Joe Thielen, Mike Frederick, Matt Blum, Curt Tremel, Mike Martens and Brian Gross casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

