

Irene T. Leuschen, 68

March 9, 1929 - March 29, 1997

EARLING - Irene Theresa Leuschen, daughter of George and Emma Weihs Schneider, was born March 9, 1929, on a farm near Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended school at St. Boniface in Westphalia, graduating in 1946. She was employed at the Westphalia Locker.

Nov. 25, 1948, she married Joe Leuschen at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union eight children were born. In 1949, after living a short time in Westphalia, they moved to Earling. This has been their home since that time. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and sang in the choir for many years. She was also a member of Catholic Daughter of Americas, Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling, past member of St. Joseph's Parish Council, she served as secretary for the Altar Society and was on the Care Review Committee of Little Flower Haven in Earling. She enjoyed her family, music, her gardening and bowling. She taught her son, Tom, to throw more than one pitch and played many basketball games with her children and grandchildren. She died March 29, 1997, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 68 years and 20 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Marie Schneider, and her brother, Elmer Schneider. Surviving are her husband, Joe of Earling; her children, Robert Leuschen (Connie) of Holstein; Thomas Leuschen (Sharon) of Omaha, NE; Michael Leuschen (Jenny) of Papillion, NE; Dale Leuschen (Kathy) of Warrensburg, MO; LuAnn (Will) Grell of Hornick; Linda (J) Russett of Crown Point, IN; Richard Leuschen (Barbara) of Holstein and Kay (Lyle) Kenkel of West Des Moines; 27 grandchildren; her sisters and brother, Luella Kloewer of Defiance; Avera Nelson of Coleridge, NE; Walter Schneider (Doris) of Westphalia; Mildred (Andy) Bruck of Earling and her sister-in-law, Edith Schneider of Westphalia and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 1, 1997, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant and Rev. Jim Wilwerding and Rev. Mark Duschein concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Tim Leuschen, Brian Leuschen, Bert Leuschen, Tony Leuschen, Willie Grell and Adam Leuschen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

