

1983 Marian A. Christiansen, 61

Marian Augusta Christiansen, the daughter of Peter and Johanna Erlbacher Greteman was born Jan. 19, 1922 in Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic school and graduated from the 12th grade. She also helped her father in the grocery store while growing to adulthood.

On Feb. 6, 1946, she married LaVern Christiansen at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Five children were born to this union. After marriage, they made their home in Earling, where they became involved in her father's grocery business. After her father's death in 1948, they took over the store, and operated it until 1972.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and also the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Katherine's Court No. 266, both of Earling. She died at her home in Earling on Saturday, May 14, 1983 at the age of 61 years, 3 months and 26 days.

In addition to her parents, Marian was preceded in death by an infant son, Kenneth LaVern Christiansen. She is survived by her husband LaVern of Earling; two sons, William of Houston, Texas and Robert of Winterset; two daughters, Mary Ann (Mrs William C.) Wilhelmi of Aurora, Colo.; and Kathleen Christiansen of Mankato, Minn.; eight grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling with the Rev. Tom DeCarlo as celebrant. Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Virgil Coenen, Charles Finken, Bert Heese, Dick Erlbacher, Peter Heller and Johnnie Erlbacher serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.