

Johanna F. Greteman, 85

Earling — Johanna Frances Greteman, daughter of Leonard and Augusta Huebner Erlbacher, was born March 19, 1896 on a farm north of Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmation at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's Catholic grade school. After graduating from the eighth grade, she grew to adulthood helping on the family farm. She also kept house for her brother, Henry.

On Nov. 23, 1920, she married Peter Greteman at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. One daughter, Marian, was born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Earling where they owned and operated Greteman's General Store. After Mr Greteman died on Dec. 1, 1948. She continued to operate their store with the help of her daughter and son-in-law, Marian and LaVern Christiansen. In 1959, she retired after running Greteman's General Store for 39 years. She continued to make her home in Earling with her daughter until April of 1975, when she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. This has been her home since that time.

She was a life long member of St. Joseph's Catholic church. She was also a member of St. Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society, the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Katherine's Court No. 266 and the Third Order of St. Francis, all of Earling. She

died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1981, at the age of 85 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Henry, Joseph and Leonard Erlbacher; three sisters, Elizabeth Block, Mary Heller and Dora Ahart and two infant sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Marian (Mrs LaVern) Christiansen of Earling; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; two sisters, Lena (Mrs John) Bissen of Earling and Anna (Mrs Joe) Bissen of Defiance; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1981 with the Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Leonard E. Erlbacher, Virgil Coenen, Jerry Bissen, Leonard Bissen, Peter Heller and Donald Erlbacher serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan, handled the arrangements.

Mrs Maryann Wilhelmi of Grand Junction, Colo., Kathleen Christiansen of Mankato, Minn., Bill Christiansens of Houston, Texas and Bob Christiansens of Winterset

attended the wake and funeral of their grandmother Johanna Greteman last weekend and were weekend guests of Lavern Christiansens.