

## Josephine Arkfeld, 76

Sept. 9, 1931 - Feb. 22, 2008

OCEANSIDE, CA — Josephine Barbara Arkfeld, daughter of Lawrence and Barbara (Windeshausen) Funk, was born on Sept. 9, 1931, in Panama, IA. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, IA, and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1949. Josephine attended Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison, KS. She taught grades 1-8 in a one-room school house for three years. Each morning she would arrive one hour early to start the wood stove.

June 21, 1954, Josephine was united in marriage to George Arkfeld at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, IA. Five children were born to this union: David, Jennifer, Steve, Dan, and Bill. Josephine and George lived for short periods in Texas and Minnesota before settling in Pasadena, CA. Josephine was an avid gardener, played the piano daily, was passionate about music and remodeling old homes. She loved living in Oceanside in her last years. Josephine died on Friday, Feb. 22, 2008 at Brighton Gardens Nursing Home in Carlsbad, CA having attained the age of 76 years, 5 months and 13 days.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, her children, David and Jennifer; and her brothers, Lawrence Funk and Harold Funk. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, George Arkfeld of Oceanside, CA; her children, Steve Arkfeld of Oceanside, CA; Dan Arkfeld of LaCanada Flintridge, CA; and Bill (Barbara) Arkfeld, of Atascadero, CA; her grandchildren: Leo, Stephanie, Jennifer, Michael, and Ridge Arkfeld of Oceanside, CA; Allison Arkfeld of San Francisco, CA; Emily Arkfeld of Malibu, CA; Matthew Arkfeld of LaCanada Flintridge, CA; Chauncey, Zoe, and Ivy Arkfeld of Atascadero, CA; her brothers, Herbert Funk of Earling, IA; Alfred Funk of Buffalo, NY; Joseph Funk of Citrus Heights, CA; and Frank Funk of Portsmouth, IA; her sister, Cecelia Wegner of Woodbine, IA; her sisters-in-law Mick Arkfeld of Panama, IA; Sylvia (Jerry) Bissen of Earling, IA; and Rita (Johnny) Kelley of Woodbine, IA; her special friends, Melanie Pady and Cathy Arkfeld; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Fr. Ray Elam celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Oceanside, CA. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Alison, Chauncey, Emily, Leo, Zoe, Stephanie, Matthew, and Michael. Burial was at Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery in Oceanside, CA.

