

## **Theresa Behrendt, 70**

*DEC. 6, 1930 – April 16, 2001*

**DUNLAP** – Theresa E. Behrendt, 70, was born Dec. 6, 1930, in Earling, to Nicholas and Clara (Book) Bissen. She graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School with the class of 1949.

Oct. 11, 1950, she married Jake Behrendt at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. The couple farmed near Panama and in 1957 purchased their farm near Buck Grove. Nov. 1, 1993, the couple moved into Dunlap. She was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters, the Altar Society, the Friendly Neighbors Club and the Heart to Heart Quilting Guild in Denison. She died April 16, 2001, at her home in Dunlap, at age 70.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents; five infant siblings, Hulda, Adella, Irene, Leo and Leona; and six adult siblings, Dell Stracke, Joseph, Sylvan and Nicholas Jr. Bissen, Hilda Bauman and Mary Bruck. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Jake Behrendt of Dunlap; nine children, Clara (John) Mathers of Allen, TX; Joe Behrendt (Connie) of Sioux City; Vicki (Dan) Mabie of Huntington Beach, CA; Kenny Behrendt (Kathy) of Redwood Falls, MN; Keith Behrendt of Sioux City; Paul Behrendt of Independence, MO; Nancy (Joel) Fox of San Antonio, TX; Cindy (Tom) Trierweiler of Hinton; and Sam Behrendt (Barbara) of Defiance; 23 grandchildren; four sisters, Cyrilla Pauley of Earling; Evelyn (Ural) Smith of Panama; Sister Helen Bissen of Glenview, IL and Mildred Von Hagel of Rosenberg, TX; and one brother, Walter Bissen (Catherine) of Earling; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Bissen of Earling and Pauline Bissen of Defiance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 19, 2001, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Clara Mathers, Vicki Mabie, Nancy Fox and Cindy Trierweiler. Casket bearers were Joe Behrendt, Kenny Behrendt, Keith Behrendt, Paul Behrendt, Sam Behrendt and Mike Riester. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap. Fouts Funeral Home, Dunlap, in charge of arrangements.