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## Margaret A. Coenen, 100

Dec. 1, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1998

**DEFIANCE** - Margaret A. Coenen, the daughter of Mike and Anna (Stronk) Kimmen, was born Dec. 1, 1898 in Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Church in Earling.

Nov. 23, 1920 she married Carl Coenen at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage they farmed in the Defiance vicinity. They then moved to a farm near Dunlap before moving back to Defiance in 1947 to make their home. Carl died April 20, 1973. She was a member of the Council of Catholic Women, a member of St. Peter's Altar Society and the Defiance Silver Tops. May 12, 1988 she became a resident of Little Flower Haven and celebrated her 100th birthday there Dec. 1, 1998. Margaret died Dec. 10, 1998 at the Little Flower Haven at age 100 years and 9 days. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Carl; her son Delbert and her daughter Norma Hansen; her sisters Clara Gross and Catherine Veasman; her brother Lawrence; and her grandson Michael Petty. Survivors include her children, Wilma Rogers and Marge Rosenthal both of Omaha; Marian (Dwayne) Barry of Defiance, Charles Coenen of Marshalltown, Donald Coenen (Jackie) of Harlan, Constance (Donald) Petty and Ellen (Dennis) Dotzler of Omaha; 26 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated by Rev. Michael Berner and Rev. Joseph Brown at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance Dec. 12, 1998. Burial was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Jeff Hansen, Rick Hansen, Steve Barry, Tom Rosenthal, Art Rosenthal, Joe Rogers, John Rogers and Jay Petty honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Kurt Petty, Mike Rogers, Scott Christensen, John Rosenthal, Paul Dotzler and Mark Hansen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

