

Elizabeth Eckermann, 82

DEFIANCE — Elizabeth Cathryn Eckermann, the daughter of Michael and Regina (Behrendt) Heinzlmier was born June 20, 1905, near Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended St. Joseph's School. As a young girl in 1919 she moved with her family to Canada and in Jan. of 1920, they settled in Rockyford, Alberta Canada. In 1923, she moved back to Defiance.

On Jan. 22, 1924, she married August Eckermann at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. 11 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the defiance area until 1969 when they retired from farming. After the death of August on Jan. 29, 1980, she continued to make her home in Defiance. She died on Nov. 25, 1987, at Myrtue hospital in Harlan, at age 82 years, five months and five days. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Mildred, Theresa and Joan; one grandson, Daniel Quinn; six sisters, Mary, Lena, Rose, Hilda, Bertilla and Margaret; five brothers, Joey, Mike, Alfonse, Wilfred "Fritz" and Johnny. She is survived by five daughters, Estelle Quinn of Defiance; Jean (Mrs James) Skinner of Tacoma, WA; Mary (Mrs Vernon) Miller of Irwin; Mrs Rosalie Bluell, Madison, WI; and Linda (Mrs Gene) Schnuettgen of Denison; three sons, Louis of Omaha, NE; Arthur of Des Moines; and August "Gus" of Harlan; 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Alvina Wise of Rockyford, Alberta and Aurella Dyson of Vancouver, British Columbia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 27, 1987 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Garry Culver as celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery, Defiance, with Dennis Quinn, Mike Miller, Don Quinn, Rick Miller, Ron Miller and Brian Chapin serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.