

Josephine Gross, 96

Jan. 19, 1898 - Nov. 7, 1994

Earling - Josephine Marie Gross, daughter of Joseph and Magdalena (Leenan) Blum was born Jan. 19, 1898 on a farm near Westphalia. She was baptized, received her first Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended country school near Westphalia and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

Sept. 30, 1919 she married Joseph Frank Gross. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Earling for 42 years on the same farm. In 1959 they retired and moved into Earling. He moved to the Little Flower Haven in Earling Dec. 26, 1964 and died May 6, 1965. She continued to reside in her own home until May 13, 1991 when she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven. It was there that she died Nov. 7, 1994 at age 96 years, nine months and 19 days. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and had been an active member of Catholic Daughters of Americas, Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling since 1947.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Bernard; three brothers - Henry, Arnold and Raymond Blum; four sisters - Margaret Bruck, Katherine Schneider, Marie Goeres and Nora Schneider; a daughter-in-law, Maxine Gross April 7, 1977; her great-grandchild, Nathan Klein Feb. 24, 1986 and her grandchildren, David Robert Gross Sept. 28, 1971 and Jim and Lorrie Gross July 3, 1992.



Survivors are her children - Leo (Ruth) Gross of Earling; Leona (Elmer) Babel of Columbus, NE; Alfons Gross of Lincoln, NE; Helen (Marvin) Bissen of Harlan; Dorothy (Henry) Coenen of Woodbine; Eugene (Sharon) Gross of Battle Creek; Robert Gross of Earling; Marie (Charles) Klein and Gerald (Sharon) Gross of Earling and LaVern (Kathy) Gross of Palmdale, CA; 50 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister Therese Thompson of Wilcox, AZ; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 10, 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Thomas Coenen, celebrant and Rev. Chuck Kottas, Rev. Fred Reischl, Rev. Greg Leach and Rev. Jon Kautzky concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Jim Babel, Terry Gross, Gary Coenen, Allan Gross, Craig Gross,