

Virginia Goeres, 89

Oct. 3, 1916 - Oct. 5, 2005

DEFIANCE — Virginia Julia Goeres, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Dresen Altman, was born Oct. 3, 1916, in Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended grade and high school at St. Joseph's in Earling.

Virginia married Clarence Goeres April 7, 1947, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union four children were born. After their marriage, Clarence and Virginia lived on a farm west of Earling for two years. They then moved to a farm two miles north and three miles west of Defiance for 24 years, later relocating to a farm two miles southwest of Defiance for 28 years and to her present home in Defiance where she has resided for four years. While staying home to raise her children, she had a large vegetable garden, and worked hard on the farm along side her husband. She died Oct. 5, 2005 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years and two days.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence, who died March 10, 1997; and her daughter, Vicki; brothers and sisters, Velma Fuhrmann, Norbert Feser, Charlie Feser, Ruth Gross, Jim Feser, Jack Feser; stepsister, Grace Tremel and stepbrother, Kenneth Feser. She is survived by her children, Steve Goeres of Defiance; Terry Goeres (Dianne) of Defiance; and Cindi (Chris) Barton of Ankeny; six grandchildren, Scott Goeres (Lisa); Brian and Adam Goeres; Chantel, Jeff, and Jenny Barton; sisters, Marie Panchot of St. Peters, MO; Arlene (Gary) Michels of Woodbine; Betty Frazier of Dunlap; Maxine (Bernie) Klein of Audubon; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 8, 2005, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Jenny Barton and Chantel Barton honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Scott Goeres, Justin Wilwerding, Denny Arkfeld, Adam Goeres, Brian Goeres, and Jeff Barton. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

