

## Eulalia (Lolly) D. Gross, 82

*May 14, 1917 - Aug. 24, 1999*

**EARLING** - Eulalia Dora Gross, the daughter of George and Anna (Schmitz) Langenfeld, was born May 14, 1917, on a farm north of Westphalia. She was the fourth oldest of 12 children. She attended school in Westphalia.

Jan. 26, 1937, she married Werner Gross of Earling, at St. Boniface Catholic Church of Westphalia. To this union 18 children were born. The couple began their married life on a farm south of Earling, and she continued to live there until she built a new home south of the home place in 1979, where she resided until her death. She raised her children alone after Werner's death Aug. 20, 1966. She also devoted her life to the care of her handicapped son, Rodney, born Feb. 26, 1964, until his death Aug. 1, 1992.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling, and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She died at her home with all surviving children at her bedside Aug. 24, 1999, at age 82 years, three months and 10 days.

In addition to her parents, Lolly was preceded in death by her husband, Werner; her sons, Roger and Rodney; her sisters, Alethea Langenfeld; Irene and her husband, Ray Domino; and Theresa Wageman; and her brother, Edwin Langenfeld. Survivors include her daughters, Darlene Trierweiler of Denison; Peg (Dick) Whitaker of Omaha, NE; Shirley (Ronald) Graeve of Omaha, NE; Connie (Jerome) Kohles of Harlan; Anna (Jim) Mills of Shawnee, KS and Cindy (Tim) Broughton of Richardson; TX; her sons, Bob Gross (Pat) of Omaha, NE; Dick Gross (Elaine) of Denison; Denny Gross (Rose Ann) of Mount Vernon; Dale Gross (Anna Mae) of Earling; Dan Gross (Judy) of Houston, TX; Gary Gross of Earling; Marvin Gross (Deb) of Earling; Glen Gross (Pat) of Plano, TX; Steve Gross (Brenda) of Earling; and Chris Gross (Christine) of Apple Valley, CA; 52 grandchildren and 56 great grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Leo Langenfeld (Helen) of Harlan; Ray Langenfeld (Marie) of Ute; Greg Langenfeld (Theresa) of Dunlap; Linus Langenfeld (Joie) of Dow City; Helen (Ben) Siemer of Dow City; Odelia (Norman) Coenen of Des Moines; Cieta (Carl) Pitts of Oskaloosa; brother-in-law, Elmer Wageman (Margaret) of Defiance; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 26, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant and Rev. Ken Gross and Rev. Richard Bell concelebrants. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Adam Mills, Preston Broughton, David Kohles, Dennis Gross, Nathan Ten Eyck, Joshua Gross, Randy Gross, Harley Gross, Mitch Gross, Jim Whitaker, Kevin Gross, Robert Whitaker and Curt Graeve. Casket bearers were Jeff Gross, Russ Trierweiler, Kyle Gross, Denny Kohles, Mike Whitaker, Justin Gross, Jason Gross, Scott Gross, Frank Graeve and Steve Riedl. Ruff Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

