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Loretta A. Gross, 91

Oct. 1, 1907 - Dec. 28, 1998

EARLING- Loretta Ann Gross, the daughter of Anton and Walburga (Schwarte) Freund, was born Oct. 1, 1907 on a farm near Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. While attending St. Joseph's Catholic School she lived in St. Joseph's Convent.

April 23, 1929 she married William F. Gross at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Five children were born to this union, Dolores, Don, Bernie, Francis and Melvin. After their marriage they farmed near Earling. In 1969, they retired and moved into Earling. March 29, 1996 she moved into the Friendship Home in Audubon. She was a life long member of St. Joseph's Parish in Earling. She died Dec. 28, 1998 at the Friendship Home at age 91 years, 2 months and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, her husband, William, and her son, Melvin, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Matt, Ann, Catherine, Aloysius, Longinius and Helen. Survivors include her children, Dolores (Leonard) Sextro of Manning, Don Gross of Omaha, Bernard Gross (Marlene) of Cedar Rapids, Francis Gross (Diane) of Omaha, Connie Gross of Earling, 11 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, her brother and sisters, Lena (Leonard) Erlbacher of Earling, Tony Freund (Helen) of Lewis, Rita Hudson of Slaughter, LA and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 31, 1998 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Phil Freund, Tim Gross, Jerry Gross, Vaughn Gross, Charley Erlbacher and Tim Erlbacher casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.