

## **Johanna Koesters, 84**

**EARLING** - Johanna Mary Koesters, daughter of Emil and Mary (Gross) Zimmerman was born Aug. 29, 1904 near Westphalia. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, May 1, 1989, at age 84 years, eight months and two days.

She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. At age 12, she moved with her family to Buck Grove, where she grew to adulthood. Oct. 5, 1926, she married Anton Koesters Jr. at Buck Grove. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling until Feb., 1959, when they moved into Earling. After the death of Anton in Sept., 1959, she continued to reside in Earling and in Nov. of 1988, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling; Catholic Daughters of America; St. Katherine's Court #226, Earling; and St. Joseph's Altar Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Anton "Tony", Ed, Rudolph and an infant brother. Surviving are three sons, Francis of Earling; Amin of Panama and Robert of Dunlap; three daughters, Madonna (Mrs Alfons) Kramer of Earling; Alice (Mrs Harold) Schwery of Westphalia; and Janice (Mrs Pete) Mahlberg of Salt Lake City, UT.; 29 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 3, 1989 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling with Rev. Nelo Leto as the celebrant and Rev. Richard Gubbels concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling with Scott Pauley, Dan Schwery, Bruce Pauley, Dale Schwery, Allan Koesters, Dallas Schwery, Darrin Schwery and Frankie Koesters serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Jerry Pauley, Dean Schwery, Larry Koesters, Duane Schwery, James Koesters and Richard Kramer. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.