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Irene Ann Kohles, 93

Oct. 4, 1900 - July 14, 1994

Earling - Irene Ann Kohles, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Walsh) Rodgers, was born Oct. 4, 1900 at Earling. She died at Mercy Care Center in Omaha, July 14, 1994 at age 93 years, 9 months, and 10 days. She was baptized, received her first communion and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended public school and at the age of 16 she started helping her father at the train depot where they lived on the second floor. She was one of the first women to work for the Milwaukee Railroad.

Aug. 18, 1930, she married Arthur Kohles at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three children were born to this union. In 1938, she became the depot agent at the Earling train depot after the death of her father. She checked boxcars, sold train tickets, inspected trains, and ran the telegraph. She continued in this position until she retired in 1965. She became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in 1991, and recently became a resident of the Mercy Care Center in Omaha, NE. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters of America St. Katherine's Court #266 both of Earling.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers Jim and Ray. She is survived by one daughter Mary Lou Schimerowski (Jim) of Earling, two sons Ron (Norma) Kohles of Omaha, NE, and Roger (Betty) Kohles of St. Charles, MO, 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 19, 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrating. Concelebrant was Rev. Cornelius Gaul and homilist was Rev. Duane Weiland. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Mike Kohles, Mark Kohles, Scott Kohles, Bob Schimerowski, Dan Kohles and Tom Schimerowski casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.