

## Verna O. Kenkel, 93

*Dec. 18, 1906 - Feb. 15, 2000*

**EARLING** – Verna Olive Kenkel was born Dec. 18, 1906, to Nell (Carey) Miller and Emil Miller at Portsmouth. She was baptized at St. Mary of the Assumption in Panama, and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. She attended elementary and high school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth. Following graduation from high school, she attended Iowa State University in Ames, for two years.

April 19, 1938, she married Lawrence Kenkel. They became the parents of three children. Prior to her marriage, she taught school later assuming the responsibilities of a farm wife.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in 1996. She died in Feb. 15, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 93 years, one month and 28 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; and two grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Maxine Von Tersch of Carroll; Joel Kenkel (Althea) of Minneapolis, MN and Karen Potter of San Diego, CA; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 17, 2000, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Bruce Kenkel, Tom Von Tersch, Roger Kenkel, Dean C. Von Tersch, David A. Holdsworth and Thomas R. LaPorte, Jr. casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

