



## **Rita Finken Pranke, 80**

**July 11, 1916-Aug. 11, 1996**

**Sioux City** - Rita Finken Pranke, 80, died of cancer Aug. 11, 1996 at Indian Hills Care Center in Sioux City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Sioux City.

She was born July 11, 1916 in Earling, to Henry and Mary (Muenchrath) Graeve and attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Earling.

She married Austin M. Finken Feb. 27, 1938 in Earling. They moved from Dow City to Sioux City in 1960 where she worked at Fishgalls and J.C. Penney in alterations. Her husband Austin died Feb. 22, 1964.

She married Vern Pranke May 29, 1970 at St. Boniface Church in Sioux City.

She is preceded in death by her mother Mary (Muenchrath) Graeve and her step-mother Rose (Mueller) Graeve and her father Henry of Earling, her husband Austin Finken, brothers William Graeve of Des Moines, Raymond and twin brother Alfons of Earling, Harold and Charles of Omaha and half-sister Margaret Tedrow, of Des Moines.

She is survived by her husband Vern Pranke; sons Ronald Finken (Linda), Dale (Becky), Melvin, Gary (Frances), Glen (Hope), Daniel and special friend Andrea of Sioux City; daughters Myrna (Ronald) Powers of Columbia, MO, Jean (Jim) Wisor of Camanche, and Charlene LeMoine of Sioux City; stepson Greg (Julie) Pranke of Sioux City, and stepdaughters Becky (Leon) Stidfole, Cheri Pranke of Altoona and Janice Pranke of Minneapolis, MN; half-brothers Leonard Graeve (Joyce) of Harlan, and Al (Mick) and Leo (Joanne) of Earling, Jim (Mary Ann) of St. Joseph, MN, and Larry (Colleen) of Madison, WI; sister Helen Petsche of Harlan, half-sisters Esther Weihs and Veronica Hodapp of Harlan, Irene (Henry) Arkfeld of Panama, Mary Agnes Korducki (Stan) and Ruth (Ray) Korducki of Milwaukee, WI and 33 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 150 nieces and nephews.