

Erma Rauterkus, 80

Feb. 4, 1919 - Sept. 25, 1999

ALCESTER, SD - Erma Rauterkus was born Feb. 4, 1919, in Cass Township, Shelby County, daughter of James and Anna (Schenk) Hughes.

She married Alfred Rauterkus Jan. 14, 1942, at Portsmouth. They farmed near Portsmouth until moving to a farm near Alcester, SD, in 1956. They moved into Alcester in 1997. Alfred died March 24, 1999. Erma was a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church in Hawarden. She died Sept. 25, 1999, at the Morningside Manor Nursing Home in Alcester, SD at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son, Richard; three brothers, Clair Hughes, Edward Hughes in infancy and Glenn Hughes; and four nephews, Richard Hughes, Ronald Hughes, Samuel and William Hughes at birth. Surviving relatives include two brothers-in-law, Leonard Rauterkus of Clear Lake, WI and Hubert Rauterkus of Cecil, WI; two sisters-in-law, Marie Lindgren of Des Moines and Rita Rauterkus of San Angelo, TX; nieces and nephews, Kathleen Renken of Brunsville; Aldine Meinen of Katy, TX; Marilyn Tucker of Bolingbrook, IL; Diane Otten of Elk Point, SD; Coletta Boettger of LeMars; Glenda Arends of Portsmouth; Patricia Toben of Utica, SD; Alfred Hughes of Portsmouth and James Hughes of Alcester, SD.

A funeral mass was held Sept. 29, 1999, at the St. Mary Catholic Church in Hawarden, with Father LeRoy Seuntjens officiating. Burial was Sept. 29, 1999, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Portsmouth. Porter Funeral Home, Hawarden, in charge of arrangements.