

Augusta Mary Schmitz, 83 *(Hugo)*

EARLING — Augusta Mary Schmitz, the daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Erlbacher) Block was born on March 12, 1904, near Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended St. Joseph's School, and grew to adulthood near Earling.

On Feb. 10, 1931, she married Hugo Schmitz at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they continued to live in the Earling area where he farmed. In Jan. of 1971, they retired and moved into Earling. In April of 1980, they became residents of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. After the death of Hugo on July 23, 1984, she continued to reside at the Little Flower Haven. It was there that she died on Oct. 28, 1987, at age 83 years, seven months and 16 days. She was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by seven brothers: Henry, August, Joseph, John, Leonard, Herman, and Ernest; and three sisters, Mary, Louise and Laurine. She is survived by three sons: Donald of Des Moines; Gerald of Wall Lake and Gail of Earling; two daughters: Mary Ann (Mrs Virgil Coenen) of Earling; and Arlene (Mrs Wayne) Justice of Botna; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Josephine (Mrs Wm.) Schaben of Defiance; Catherine (Mrs Clarence) Schaben of Earling and Sr. Brendan of Westphalia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was con-celebrated on Oct. 31, 1987 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Greg Leach as the celebrant, Rev. Lawrence Beeson and Rev. Bud Grant as con-celebrants. Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery with Steve Long, Jeff Schmitz, Gary Schmitz, Kevin Coenen, Mark Croghan and Gregg Schmitz serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.