

Isabel T. Stessman, 88

Sept. 4, 1907 - March 22, 1996

EARLING - Isabel T. Stessman, daughter of Albert and Emma (Fahn) Assman, was born Sept. 4, 1907 rural route Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap and attended St. Patrick's Grade and High School.

Feb. 7, 1928 she married Leonard J. Stessman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. They became parents of twelve children. After their marriage, they farmed in the Panama and Earling area. They retired and moved to Earling in March of 1983. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She has been an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America's Court of St. Katherine #266 of Earling for fifty years and also the Third Order of St. Francis. She died March 22, 1996 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha at age 88 years, six months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard; her son, Raymond, and two sisters, infant Rose Assman and Eleanor Kramer; her brothers, Ferd, Carl, Tony, Joseph and Alfonse Assman. She is survived by an only sister, Mrs. Mary Burns of Pasadena, CA; her children: sons, Mark Stessman (Peggy) of Earling; daughter-in-law, Janice (Owen) Langenfeld of Harlan; Jack Stessman (Kathryn) of Earling; Msgr. Gerald Stessman of Des Moines; Don Stessman (Joann) of Dunlap; Gail Stessman (Maureen) of Dunlap; Leo Stessman (Mary; Vern Stessman (Coni) and Ron Stessman all of Omaha; daughters, Rita (Don) Wall of Omaha; Dolores (Marvin) Klein of Dunlap; Helen Reisz of Woodbine; 49 grandchildren and 65 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25, 1996 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Msgr. Gerald Stessman celebrant and Rev. Chuck Kottas and Priests of the Des Moines Diocese concelebrating. The Final Commendation was given by Msgr. Larry Beesen, Vicar General of the Diocese of Des Moines. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with young grandchildren serving as honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jennifer Stessman, Patty Wall, Gary Stessman, Kris Runge, Gene Langenfeld, Jim Reisz, Joe Stessman, Paul Klein, Pat Stessman, Linda Stessman and Steve Stessman. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.