

Ella Schwarte, 78

Sept. 4, 1925 - Oct. 19, 2003

HARLAN — Ella Marie Schwarte, daughter of Tony A. and Barbara (Bissen) Frank, was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Earling. She attended St. Joseph School in Earling, and cared for her parents before her marriage.

Jan. 25, 1943, she married Henry Rudolph Schwarte in Earling. The couple lived on a farm located northwest of Earling until 1965, when they moved into town. Henry died July 28, 1970, in Council Bluffs. Ella moved to Harlan in 1983. She worked at a number of jobs over the years, and was employed at Mikel's Restaurant in Harlan for 20 years. Only recently, due to ill health, was she unable to work. Ella was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She died Oct. 19, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, one month and 15 days.



Preceding Ella in death were her parents; her husband, Henry; one brother, Ernie Frank, and two sisters, Joanne Lefebber and Viola Lahr. Survivors include two sons, Gary (Maxine) Schwarte of Council Bluffs and Gail Schwarte of Earling; two daughters, Carol (Quane) French and Linda (Leon) Wagner, both of Council Bluffs; three brothers, Owen Frank and Jim Frank, both of Omaha, NE, and Francis (Marie) Frank of Las Vegas, NV; one sister, Jeanie (Joe) Sandbothe of Council Bluffs; one brother-in-law, Gene Lefebber of Earling; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 22, 2003, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Father Michael Berner celebrating. Casket bearers were Kelly Schwarte, Kenry Kobold, Tracy Schwarte, David Schwarte, Stephen French and Jeffrey Schwarte. Burial was in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Earling. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.