

Lavina Thraen, 83

Sept. 9, 1910 - March 23, 1994

Earling - Lavina Thraen, daughter of John and Magdalena (Miller) Scheuring was born Sept. 9, 1910 at Earling. She died March 23, 1994 at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 83 years, 6 months and 14 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's grade school and high school, graduating in 1928. She then attended the College of St. Mary's in Omaha, NE where she received her teaching certificate. She returned to Shelby County where she taught country school near Defiance.

Nov. 23, 1936 she married Lawrence J. Thraen at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm near Earling. They retired from farming in 1972, but continued to reside on the farm. In 1986, their farm was designated a Century Farm for having been in their family for 100 years. After the death of Lawrence Nov. 5, 1978, she continued to live on the farm until 1986 at which time she made her home with her daughter, Myra Buman near Harlan. Oct. 19, 1993, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling where she resided until becoming a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn March 16, 1994. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and a member of the Catholic Daughters of Americas, St. Katherine's Court #266. She was also a past regent of the Catholic Daughters.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Wilwerding and a grandson, William Andersen. She is survived by her children, John (Judy) Thraen of Earling; Mary (Bill) Andersen of Omaha, NE; Joseph Thraen of Sarasota, FL; and Myra (John) Buman II of rural Harlan; 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated March 26, 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Jim Wilwerding celebrant and Rev. Paul Monahan, Msgr. Edward Kelly and Rev. Chuck Kottas concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Michael Thraen, Bernard Wilwerding, JoEllen Grow, Nathan Thraen, Howard Wilwerding, Jackie Gifford, Dennis Weiland and Ed Wilwerding honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Michael Andersen, Gerald Thraen, Don Thraen, Tony Thraen, Troy Thraen, Jerry Buman, Larry Andersen and Steve Andersen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.