



## Sylvia Weiland, 85

Jan. 29, 1911 - March 20, 1996

**EARLING** - Sylvia Weiland, daughter of Tony and Katherine (Loehr) Schmitz, was born Jan. 29, 1911 at Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended St. Boniface Grade School. She attended St. Paul's School in Defiance for one year of high school and then graduated from St. Joseph's School in Earling. After school, she then taught school in the country school.

April 13, 1931 she married John Weiland at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They became the parents of six children. After their marriage, they farmed on the family farm formerly owned by

John's father and grandfather until they retired and moved into Earling in 1977. It was there that she died March 20, 1996 at age 85 years, one month and 19 days. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She had also been a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling for over sixty years, and held several offices as well as a member of the Country School Teachers Association.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters; an infant sister, Delphine, Valeria Ebert and Jeanette Kriegel; three brothers, Edmond, William and Francis Schmitz, and a grandchild, Mary Kay Blum. She is survived by her husband, John H. Weiland of Earling; her children, Bernice (Ron) Blum of Omaha; Jack (Sharon) Weiland of Springtown, TX; Bonnie (George) Kenkel of Earling; Ken (Audrey) Weiland of Colorado Springs, CO; Dan (Linda) Weiland of Lewisville, TX and Terry (Alice) Weiland of Aurora, CO; 25 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; three sisters, Josephine Nichols of Roswell, GA; Mildred (Clem) Arkfeld of Panama; Coletta Hamilton of Encinitas, CA and a brother, Tony (Alice) Schmitz of Tuscaloosa, AL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 23, 1996 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Duane Weiland celebrant and Rev. Chuck Kottas as the homilist. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Randy Blum, Chris Findall, Steve Kenkel, Todd Bircher, Craig Weiland and Jesse Weiland casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.