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Lena Helen Bissen, 95

Lena Helen Bissen, the daughter of Leonard and Augusta Huebner Erlbacher was born March 26, 1888 at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. She attended country schools and grew to adulthood on her parents farm.

On Jan. 18, 1916, she married John M. Bissen at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed the same farm that had belonged to John's parents until they retired in 1949. On Jan. 18, 1980, they were privileged to celebrated their 64th anniversary. In 1980 they moved to Little Flower Haven in Earling. She continued to live here after her husband's death on Sept. 2, 1980.

She was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic church of Earling, St. Katherine's Court No. 266 Catholic Daughters of America, St. Joseph's Altar and Rosary Society and the Third Order of St. Francis. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, June 18, 1983 at the age of 95 years, 2 months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Henry, Joseph and Leonard Erlbacher; and four sisters, Elizabeth Block, Mary Heller, Johanna Greteman and Dora Ahart. She is survived by two daughters, Carmelita (Mrs Charles) Flickenger of Greenfield and Marcella (Mrs Willia) Smith of Earling; two sons, Urban of Prescott, Ariz. and Gerald of Earling; 26 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated on Monday, June 20, 1983 at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling with Rev. Tom DeCarlo as the celebrant and the Rev. Cornelius Gaul as the con-celebrant.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic church with Dale Bissen, Jerry Bissen, Bill Smith, Chuck Smith, Joe Fleckinger and John Fleckinger serving as casketbearers.