

Earling - Clara M. Finken, daughter of Walter and Angeline Cattin Book, was born Aug. 21, 1930, in Portsmouth. She was baptized and received her First Communion at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth and was Confirmed at St. Michael's church in Harlan. She attended school, growing to adulthood in the Harlan area, where she later worked as a waitress.

On April 19, 1950, she married Dennis Finken in St. Joseph's church in Earling. They became parents of two adopted daughters, Nancy and Rose, in 1958. After their marriage, they made their home in Earling, where Mrs Finken was employed as a bookkeeper at a local elevator until 1963. They then owned and operated the Earling cafe until 1975 and until 1979, Mrs Finken was employed at Finken's Store in Earling.

Mrs Finken was a member of St. Joseph's church in Earling and the Catholic Daughter's of America, St. Katherine's Court No. 266 of Earling. She died at her Earling home on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1981, at age 50 years, 7 months and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Book and her brother, Charles Book. Survivors include her husband, Dennis of Earling; her two daughters, Nancy Moss of Cedar Falls and Rose (Mrs Don) Wageman of Earling; her mother, Mrs Angeline Book of Earling; two grandchildren; two sisters; Dorothy Bird of Dallas, Texas and Mary Lee Borowick of Grand Island, Neb.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1981 with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Phil Bird, Rick Bird, Charles Baughman, Pat Goeser, Ron Finken and Dean Schnieder serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, handled the arrangements.

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