

Marceline Bissen, 70 ✓

Sept. 12, 1932 - Oct. 27, 2002

DEFIANCE – Marceline Martha Bissen, daughter of Bernard and Eleanor (Gubbles) Schmitz, was born Sept. 12, 1932, in Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended school at St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia.

Dec. 30, 1953, she married Francis Bissen at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance. Francis died Oct. 6, 2000. She was involved with the church and taught CCD at St. Peter's Catholic Church for over 15 years. She was a member of St. Peter's Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. She died Oct. 27, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 70 years, one month and 16 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Francis; a brother, Eugene; a sister, Luana; and a granddaughter, Katherine. Survivors include her children, Don Bissen (Patricia) of Hooper, NE; Darrell Bissen (Brenda) of Dow City; Denice (Don) Wurr of Colorado Springs, CO; Dean Bissen of Defiance; DyAnn (Doug) Muff of Westminster, CO; Delbert Bissen (Jill) of Defiance; 11 grandchildren; one great grandchild; brothers and sisters, Eldred Schmitz of Westphalia; Sister Bernice Schmitz of Harlan; Lester Schmitz (Rita) of Portsmouth; Bernadette Conkel of Columbus, NE; LaVerne Schmitz (Mary) of Defiance; Luella Hull of Manning; Arlene (Bob) Hodapp of Erie, CO; Sister Lorraine Schmitz of Council Bluffs; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Oct. 30, 2002, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Michael Berner celebrant and the Revs. Ben Kenkel and Dan Galas concelebrants. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Don Bissen, Darrell Bissen, DyAnn Muff, Denice Wurr and Delbert Bissen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

