

## **Modesta L. Creager, 73**

**DEXTER** - Modesta "Dess" Creager, 73, of Dexter, died Sept. 24, 1990, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. She was born Aug. 11, 1917 on the Esser farm near Earling to Herman T. and Katherine (Bissen) Esser.

April 22, 1941, she married Robert (Bobby) Lewellen Creager. Three children were born to this union. Before her marriage, she was a maid for prominent families in Des Moines. In 1945, they purchased Creager's Cafe, where she was the main cook and assistant manager for 17 years. She enjoyed catering functions and baking for others before working as a cook for the Dexter Clinic in 1978. She was an active member of All Saints Church and Altar and Rosary Society in Stuart. She was also a 50 year member of the Catholic Daughters of America; 45 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary; Women's Club and exercise chairperson at McAllen Mobile village in McAllen, TX.

Proceeding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Viola and Virginia and a brother, Alexius. She is survived by her husband of 49 years; her son, M.SGt. Keith Creager of Fort Walton, FL.; two daughters, Kathleen Mitchell of Ottumwa and Karen Creager of Des Moines; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; a sister, Marcella Kaufman (Sally); six brothers, Anthony (Tony) and Marcus of Woodbine; Sylvan of Omaha; Cletus of North English; Ivo of Logan and Herman Jr. of Earling.

Funeral Mass was held Sept. 27, 1990, at All Saints Church in Stuart. Fr. Richard Bergman was the celebrant. Casketbearers were Carroll Beane, Leon Thompson, Bill Jacoby, Norbert Tigges, Jim Fosselman and Robert Lonsdale. Burial was in the Dexter cemetery. Link service in Stuart, in charge of arrangements.