

Thelma Elsie ✓ Frances Gaul, 90

Nov. 14, 1904 - Jan. 3, 1995

Earling - Thelma Elsie Frances Gaul, daughter of Harvey James and Hallie (Daugherty) Paschal, was born Nov. 14, 1904 in Co. Bluffs. She grew to adulthood in Co. Bluffs, where she was baptized, received her First Communion, and was confirmed in the Catholic Church. She graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Co. Bluffs in 1923. May 31, 1927, she graduated from Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses. From 1927-1967, she practiced nursing in Detroit, New York, Omaha, Co. Bluffs, Denison, and at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan.

Des. 26, 1946, she married Paul F. Gaul at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling. He died March 3, 1993, in Harlan. She was the step-mother of nine children. She died Jan. 3, 1995, at her home in Earling at age 90 years, 1 month, and 20 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; three sisters, Addie (Paschal) Zarns, Cora (Paschal) Farrow, and Hallie (Paschal) Culton, one half-sister, Fern (Paschal) Tiede; and three stepchildren, Wilfred Gaul, Gregory Gaul, and Lucille (Gaul) Stangl. Survivors include six stepchildren, Sr. Rita Gaul (Thelma's caregiver for several years) of Earling, Mildred



(Gaul) Gromak of Holly, MI, Irene (Gaul) Goetzinger of Alma, MI, Joe H. Gaul of Benson, AZ, Paul U. Gaul of St. Paul, MN, and Joanne (Gaul) Harding of Pontiac, MI; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 6, 1995, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Cornelius Gaul, celebrant. Concelebrating was Deacon Leo Gaul. Casket bearers were Dennis Gaul, Jerry Gross, Tom Margrave, Neil Stangl, John Thomson, and Virgil Goetzinger. Burial was in St. Joseph cemetery in Earling. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.