

Ruth Gross, 78

June 27, 1925 - Feb. 18, 2004

EARLING – Ruth Magdalena Gross, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth Dresen Feser, was born June 27, 1925, at Panama. She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended country school in Defiance and graduated from St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance.

Jan. 15, 1945, Ruth married Leo Gross at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Six children were born to this union, Lorraine, Allen, Darrell, Pat, Gaylord and Joanne. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling for 44 years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She died Feb. 18, 2004, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 78 years, seven months and 21 days.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her brothers, James, John, Norbert, Charles and Kenneth; and two sisters, Velma Fuhrman and Grace Tremel. Survivors include her husband, Leo of Earling; her children, Lorraine (John) Lusero of Kansas City, MO; Allen Gross (Diane) of Mayetta, KS; Darrell Gross of Earling; Pat (Gene) Leuschen of Panama; Gaylord Gross (Gail) of Earling; Joanne (Frank) Oppold of Dunlap; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sisters, Marie Panchot of Overland, MO; Virginia Goeres of Defiance; Betty (Otis) Frazier of Dunlap; Arlene (Gary) Michel of Woodbine; Maxine (Bernie) Klein of Audubon; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 21, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Casket bearers were Jeff Lusero, Adam Gross, Bobby Leuschen, Chris Gross, Dick Frazier and Ryan Oppold. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

