

Marcella "Sally" Kaufmann, 92 ✓

May 31, 1912 - March 30, 2005

EARLING — Marcella Mary "Sally" Kaufmann, the daughter of Herman and Katherine Bissen Esser, was born May 31, 1912, on a farm two miles east of Earling. She was baptized, received her First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

Nov. 24, 1931, Sally married Al Kaufmann at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Two sons were born to this union, James and Nilus. After their marriage, they lived in Defiance where Al had established a portable grinding business. Late in 1932, they opened the Defiance Cafe which they operated for several years and Sally was the main cook. In the mid 1930's they moved to Chicago where they managed an apartment building. After the death of her husband June 7, 1953, Sally continued to manage the apartments for 10 more years while raising her sons. In August of 1963, Sally sold the property and moved back to Shelby County to live in the house she owned in Harlan. April 1, 1964, she was employed at Little Flower Haven. After a few years, in 1967, she sold her home in Harlan and purchased a home in Earling. She retired May 31, 1992, from Little Flower Haven. Sally was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, The Altar Society and the Third Order of St. Francis and of the volunteer quilting group. She died March 30, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 92 years, nine months and 30 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Sally was preceded in death by her sons, Nilus and James, both in 1984; three sisters, Viola Esser, Virgie Ann Esser and Modesta Creager; six brothers, Alex, Tony, Cletus, Sylvan, Herman Jr. and Ivo. Survivors include three grandsons, Dan Kaufmann (Elaine) of Edison, NJ; Greg Kaufmann (Lisa) of Tucson, AZ; James Shawn Kaufmann (Maggie) of Chicago, IL; a great-granddaughter, Arianna Kaufmann; her brother, Mark Esser (Sophia) of Woodbine; daughter-in-law, Betty Kaufmann of Chicago, IL; sisters-in-law, Alice Esser of Earling; Carolyn Esser of Logan; Augusta Esser of Dunlap; and Mildred Esser of Marengo; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated April 2, 2005, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant and Rev. Ken Gross concelebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Lyle Esser, James Shawn Kaufmann, Tim Gross, Tim Christensen, Daniel Kaufmann, and Gregory Kaufmann casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

