

Emma Kenkel, 86

May 27, 1910 - May 4, 1997 ✓

EARLING - Emma Adelaide Kenkel, daughter of Fred and Anna (Peine) Katzer, was born May 27, 1910, at Greeley, KS. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in Greeley, and attended country school near there while growing to adulthood on the family farm. At age 18 years, she came to Iowa and worked as a housekeeper.

Aug. 19, 1930, she married Hubert Kenkel at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. They farmed their entire married lives east of Earling. In December of 1988, she entered Little Flower Haven Nursing Home and this has been her home since that time. It was there that she died May 4, 1997, at age 86 years, 11 months and seven days. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert, Jan. 6, 1989; her granddaughter, Patricia Kropf, and grandson, Randy Assmann, as well as her brothers and sisters, John, Louis, Henry, Albert and Tony Katzer and Anna Pauley and Clara Katzer. She is survived by her children, Margie Graeve (Fred) of Lakewood, CO; Olive "Ollie" Assmann (Jerry) of Arvada, CO; Norman Kenkel (Joyce) of Earling; and Melvin Kenkel (Mary) of Denison; 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Mary Thraen of Earling and Agnes Alexander of Greeley, KS; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 8, 1997, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Mike Berner celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Paul Bianchi, Rev. Leonard Kenkel and Rev. Ben Kenkel. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Ray Graeve, Craig Kenkel, Steve Graeve, Doug Kenkel, Kevin Kenkel and Doug Schwabe casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.