

## Josephine Koesters, 83 ✓

*March 19, 1920 - April 18, 2003*

**EARLING** – Josephine Elizabeth Koesters was born March 19, 1920, in Westphalia, the daughter of Anton and Anna (Anastasi) Mueller. She attended school in Westphalia and graduated top of her class in 1937.

Josephine married Louis C. Koesters Feb. 20, 1941, at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They were the parents of 10 children. After farming several years in the Westphalia area, they purchased a farm near Earling, in 1946. They lived there until moving into town in 1999, where she lived until her death. She was dedicated to the poor, making bandages for mission hospitals and sewing over 2,000 quilts with her sewing group. Josephine died April 18, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years and 30 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Aloysius and Lawrence Mueller; her sister, Marie Rau; and one grandson, Greg Klein. She is survived by her husband, Louis Koesters of Earling; her children, Phil Koesters (Jolene) of Harlan; Julie (Dick) Klein of Earling; Robert Koesters (JoAnn) of Earling; June (Greg) Schmidt of Omaha, NE; Norene (Robert) Schechinger of Panama; John Koesters of Earling; Mitzi (Al) LeClair of Omaha, NE; Luke Koesters (Debbie) of Omaha, NE; Mark Koesters (Adrian) of Omaha, NE; and Matthew Koesters (Rose) of Earling; 41 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Betty Blum, Lois Koesters and Regina Koesters, all of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 21, 2003, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Phil Koesters, Robert Koesters, John Koesters, Luke Koesters, Mark Koesters and Matthew Koesters honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dan Koesters, Jeff Schechinger, Joey Koesters, Brian Koesters, David Koesters, John Schmidt, James Klein and Keith LeClair. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

