

Mariella E. Kramer, 83

March 4, 1918 - Dec. 10, 2001

EARLING – Mariella Elizabeth Kramer was born to Matilda (Heese) and John Finken March 4, 1918, at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a graduate of St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. Following her high school graduation, Mariella attended St. Theresa's College in Winona, MN, for one year. She then moved to Omaha, NE, where she attended and graduated from Capital Beauty School. After graduation, Mariella operated a beauty shop in Omaha.

Oct. 18, 1945, she married Lawrence A. Kramer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. One son, Lawrence, was born to this union. The couple settled in Earling where she joined her family in operating Finken Grocery. She retired from the store in 1977. She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was a member of the Altar Society and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. July 2, 1998, Mariella moved to Little Flower Haven Nursing Home where she resided until her death. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Dec. 10, 2001, at age 83 years, nine months and six days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence A. Kramer, Sept. 1, 1983, and her brother, Cyril Finken. She is survived by her son, Lawrence J. Kramer (Elaine) of Earling; brothers, Charles Finken (Edna) of Earling; Jack Finken of Defiance and Robert Finken (Mary Helen) of Earling; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 13, 2001, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Jerry Kramer, Sylvan Klein, Steven Finken, David Finken, Alan Finken and Leo Kloewer casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

