

## Mary Madeline Pitsch, 97

March 27, 1899 - Feb. 10, 1997

**PORTSMOUTH** - Mary Madeline Pitsch, daughter of John and Mary Behrendt Hein, was born March 27, 1899, at Portsmouth. She was baptized, received her first communion and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. She attended country school and grew to adulthood in the Portsmouth area.

May 8, 1923, she married John M. Pitsch at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. To this union three children were born. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth until 1971, when they retired and moved into town. This was her home until she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling, Oct. 14, 1992, where she continued to be a resident. She was a member of St.

Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Golden Pioneer Senior Citizens Club and belonged to a quilting club and the circle. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Feb. 10, 1997, at age 97 years, ten months and 14 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John, Dec. 27, 1984; her brothers, Joseph Hein, George Hein, John Hein and Henry Hein. Surviving are her children, Edward Pitsch of Portsmouth; Theresa Wilwerding of Omaha, NE; Raymond Pitsch of Portsmouth; four grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; her sisters and brothers, Clara Foxhoven of Earling; Edward Hein of Llano, TX; Lucina Pitsch of Sigourney and Adeline (Archie) Caddell of Harlan, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 14, 1997, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth with Dave Miller, David Wilwerding, Mike Shreves, Lloyd Pauley, Gerald Schafer and Leo Foxhoven casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

