

Edna Finken, 78

Oct. 6, 1924 - Nov. 10, 2002

EARLING - Edna Cecelia Finken was born to Philomena (Gorsche) and Peter J. Fromm, Sr. Oct. 6, 1924, in Harlan. She was baptized at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended grade school in Defiance and at age 16 was a member of St. Paul's Catholic High School graduating class of 1941. Following graduation, she was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, NE.

July 8, 1944, Edna married Charles Michael Finken in Sacramento, CA, where Charles was stationed in the United States Army. She remained in California until Charles was sent overseas. She then returned to Shelby County to await his return from active duty. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, the couple made their home in Earling, and became owner operators of Finken Television Repair Service. She was a former member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and a current member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. She died Nov. 10, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, one month and four days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, John Finken; grandson, Gregory Finken; brother, Leonard Fromm; and sisters, Marie Beauchamp and Margaret Lehan. She is survived by her husband, Charles M. Finken of Earling; children, Steve Finken (Sharon) of Harlan; Alan Finken (Donnelle) of Littleton, CO; Rich Finken of Earling; Dave Finken (Cindy) of Papillion, NE; Jean (Alex) Pruitt of Spencer; Mark Finken of Earling; Joan (Jim) Henscheid of Des Moines; Peter Finken (Kara) of Simsbury, CT and Paul Finken (Jackie) of Fort Leavenworth, KS; 23 grandchildren; one great grandson; brothers and sister, Leo Fromm (Ann) of Marshalltown; Peter Fromm, Jr. (Therese) of Defiance and Virginia Muelleman of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 12, 2002, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earling, with Nick Finken, Jordan Henscheid, Greg Pruitt, Brian Finken, John Finken and Chris Finken casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

