

## Bertha Heese, 91

**EARLING** - Bertha M. Heese, daughter of Henry and Amalia (Kuhl) Heese was born Sept. 5, 1897 on a farm southwest of Earling. She died Feb. 11, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 91 years, five months and six days.

She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling. She attended St. Joseph's School and later attended St. Angela's Academy at Carroll. She moved to Co. Bluffs in 1917 and worked for the Joe Smith Company in Co. Bluffs as a manager of the department store until her retirement in 1968. The Co. Bluffs-Omaha area continued to be her home until 1982 when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Co. Bluffs and Catholic Daughters of America.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Henry, Peter, Frank, Charles and John and three sisters; Kathryn, Sr. Laudina and Marie. Survivors include 31 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 13, 1989, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling, with Rev. Nelo Leto as celebrant and Rev. Fred Reischl concelebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling with Owen Heese, Francis Heese, Nick Heese, Vince Heese, Max Cochran and Zeno Blum as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.