

## Grace Heese, 81

March 10, 1930 - May 27, 2011

**EARLING** — Grace Elizabeth Heese, daughter of Leonard and Valeria (Koesters) Erlbacher, was born on March 10, 1930 in Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling with the class of 1948.

April 14, 1953, Grace was united in marriage to Owen Heese at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. After their marriage, Grace worked several part time jobs but spent a majority of her time raising her two children, Bill and Sharon. Grace was a devoted wife and loving mother and very proud grandmother. She spent countless hours watching her grandchildren's school, 4-H and sporting events.



Grace was very independent mowing her own yard until last summer. She enjoyed quilting, going to BINGO with her friends, trips to the casino and assisting with volunteer work. Grace was also a devoted and active lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and lifetime resident of Earling. Grace died at University Medical Center in Omaha, NE on May 27, 2011 having attained the age of eighty-one years, two months and seventeen days.

In addition to her parents, Grace was preceded in death by her husband Owen and her brother Richard Erlbacher. She is survived by her children: Bill Heese and his wife Deb of Papillion, NE and Sharon and her husband Dean Staley of Charter Oak; her five grandchildren: Lyndsey and her husband Scott Degenhardt, PFC Kyle Heese, Nolan Staley, Bradley Staley and Luke Staley; brothers and sisters: Mildred "Mick" and her husband Al Graeve of Earling; Joanne and her husband Dennis Kohles of Earling; Donald Erlbacher and his wife Mary Ann of Omaha, NE and Bill Erlbacher and his wife Joanie of Earling; her sister-in-law Pam Erlbacher of Maryville, MO; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

The 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 by Rev. Chris Fontanini at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Concelebrating were Rev. Michael Berner, Rev. Paul Koch, and Rev. Chuck Kottas. Honorary casket bearers were Scott Degenhardt, Lyndsey Degenhardt, PFC Kyle Heese, Nolan Staley, Bradley Staley, and Luke Staley. Serving as casket bearers were Jim Bieker, Dr. David Erlbacher, Doug

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FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY

Graeve, Dave Kohles, Shawn Erlbacher, Tony Cavanaugh, Glenn Kohles, and Craig Graeve. Interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

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