

### Margaret Heese, 82

April 1, 1930 - Feb. 12, 2013

**EARLING** — Margaret Mary

Heese was born on April 1, 1930 to James and Margaret (Bevins) Connelly in Omaha, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church in Omaha and attended St. John's Elementary School. She graduated from Marian High School with the Class of 1948.

October 25, 1950, Margaret was united in marriage to Albert "Bert" Heese at St. John's Catholic Church in Omaha. There were ten children born to them: Mike, Tom, Kathleen, Ann, Tim, Maureen, Patrick, John, Margaret "Peggy", and James. Margaret kept busy raising the children and keeping up with their activities.

She worked with the local Democratic Party and once hosted a tea for Edward Kennedy that was attended by Ethel Kennedy at her home in Earling. She was a life-long member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She had been living in Las Vegas near her children when she died on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Margaret had attained the age of eighty-two years, ten months, and five days.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her sons Mike and Tim, brother James Connelly and sisters Catherine "Sweetsies" Cabo and Mary "Babe" Strawn. She is survived by her children: Tom Heese and his wife Carol of Denver, CO, Kathleen and her husband Dennis Larson of Earling, Ann Heese of Las Vegas, NV, Maureen Ryon of Herman, NE, Patrick Heese and his wife Cyndi of Tyler, TX, John Heese of LeMars, Margaret "Peggy" and her husband Larry Calavan of Las Vegas, NV and James "Jim" Heese of Las Vegas, NV; fifteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Father Chris Fontanini celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Honorary casket bearers were Bridgitt Gaul, Jessica Rodden, Stephanie Gaul, Rose Calavan, Katie Calavan, Courtney Calavan, Mimi Calavan, and Lucia Darling Heese. Serving as casket bearers were Tom Heese, Pat Heese, Tim Gaul, Bob Ryon, Tom Gibson, Larry Calavan, Jeff Johnson, and Dennis Larson. Interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.



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