

## Theresa A. Mercer, 65

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** — Theresa Agusta Mercer, daughter of Edward A. and Rose (Herms) Torneten was born on Sept. 15, 1921, on a farm in Hardin twp., Pottawattamie county. She died July 4, 1987 at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 65 years, nine months and 19 days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Columbanus Catholic church in Weston. She attended country school thru the 8th grade and St. Peter's high school. She graduated from St. Francis high school in Co. Bluffs.

In 1941, she married Ray Mercer in Omaha, NE. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they resided in Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Shortly after Wanda Sue's death on Dec. 31, 1943, she and Ray were divorced and she moved back to the Co. Bluffs area. She later lived in the McClelland and Neola vicinities. Because of illness, she became a resident of the Gilmore Nursing Home in Co. Bluffs in 1965. In 1975, she became a resident of the Indian Hills Nursing Home, and this has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Co. Bluffs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Wanda Sue. She is survived by a son, Jerry of Omaha, NE; five grandchildren; two brothers, Conrad and Edward Torneten of Co. Bluffs; four sisters, Charlotte Ring of Neola; Mary (Mrs Everett) Jones of Council Bluffs; Clara (Mrs Dale) McCauley of Warren, MI and Margaret (Mrs Charles) Soar of Co. Bluffs; and a foster sister, Mary Ann (Mrs John) Mahan of Roseville, CA; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 8, 1987 at St. Peter's Catholic church in Co. Bluffs with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald as the celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Co. Bluffs with Earnie Soar, Mike Torneten, Bob Ring, Alvin Ring, Rick Jones and Mike Nielsen serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.