

Erma A. Muenchrath, 78 ✓

EARLING - Erma Ann Muenchrath, daughter of John and Mary (Hofer) Coenen, was born Jan. 14, 1912 at Defiance. She died at her home in Earling, July 7, 1990 at age 78 years, 5 months and 23 days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church at Defiance. She attended St. Paul's Catholic School at Defiance, also country school near Defiance, and also one year of high school at St. Joseph's Catholic School at Earling.

Feb. 19, 1935, she married Ambrose Muenchrath at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Defiance. Four children were born to this union. After they were married, they farmed near Defiance for three years, and then moved to a farm near Earling. This was their home until 1976, when they moved into Earling, but continued to stay active in farming. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Catholic Daughters of America, St. Katherine's Court No. 266 and the St. Joseph's Altar Society all of Earling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Joe; and one sister, Mary. she is survived by her husband, Ambrose of Earling; two daughters, Lois (Mrs Wm.) Berberich of Atlanta, GA., and Linda (Mrs Edwin) Buman of Harlan; two sons, Dr. A. John Muenchrath of Coos Bay, OR., and Robert Muenchrath of Des Moines; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Agnes Schafer of Omaha, NE.; Rita Wallerstedt of Kansas City, MO.; and Leona Gambée of Portland, OR.; one brother, Jim Coenen of Omaha, NE.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 10, 1990 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas as the celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Cornelius Gaul and Rev. Fred Reischl. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Mark Kramer, Leo Graeve, Bill Erlbacher, Gail Foxhoven, Phil Blum, and James A. Koesters serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Bill Berberich, Jr., Steve Berberich, Rob Muenchrath, Matt Muenchrath, David Muenchrath and Denis Neville. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.