

## Mary Riester, 70

**DUNLAP** -She was born May 4, 1920 in Pirk, Czechoslovakia to Andrew and Anna (Mach) Steinbach. In 1935 at the age of 15, she came to the U.S. being adopted by her uncle and aunt, Joseph and Maria Stepan of Charter Oak. She became a naturalized citizen May 29, 1943. She graduated from the Charter Oak High School in 1938. She also graduated from Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, in 1942. She taught high school in Graetinger, until her marriage.

June 16, 1945, she married Alfred Riester at the Sioux City Air Base Chapel. To this union were born seven children. June 16 of the past year, they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. After their marriage, they farmed near Charter Oak. In 1954 they moved to a farm south of Dunlap. She has been a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church since that time. She belonged to St. Patrick's Altar Society, was a member of the Court of St. Monica Catholic Daughters No. 300 and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. They retired from the farm in June 1979, moving to their present home in Dunlap.

Aug. 31, 1989, she suffered a stroke and has resided at the Dunlap Care Center since November of 1989. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Aug. 22, 1990, after a brief illness, at age 70 years, 3 months and 18 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and twin brothers. She is survived by her husband, Alfred of Dunlap; her children, Frank of Cedar Rapids; Ann (Denny) Gute of Carroll; Andrew of Dow City; Maggie (Tom) Bissen of Defiance; Susan (Rick) O'Leary of Brainard, MN.; Leo of Marion; Michael of Dunlap; 17 grandchildren; her sister, Mrs Alfred (Margaret) Haun of Launda, West Germany; one niece; three nephews of West Germany and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 1990 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap with Fr. Fred Reischl, officiating. Pallbearers were six of her grandchildren, Mary Gute, Eric Riester, Monica Bissen, Molly Gute, David Riester and Teresa Bissen. Fouts Funeral Home in Dunlap was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery in Dunlap.