

Estella Rannells, 80

March 22, 1928 - Jan. 14, 2009

DUNLAP — Estella Bridget (Heese) Rannells, 80, died on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley. She was born on March 22, 1928, to Frank and Estella (Weiland) Heese in Earling. Estella graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School in Earling. After she graduated she was a housekeeper in Harlan, and also in Omaha, NE.

Estella married Francis Rannells on November 9, 1950. After the couple got married they lived on Francis' family farm west of Dunlap. In 1967 their daughter Sandra died of leukemia at the age of 14. Estella was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Estella loved to garden, cook, and spend time with her family.

Estella was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sandra Rannells; two sisters, Margaret Book and Therese Swanson; brother, Joseph Heese, and infant sister, Madonna. She is survived by her husband, Francis (Fritz) Rannells; two sons, Rick Rannells of Dunlap; Craig and his wife Kim Rannells of Omaha, NE; daughter, Cindy Rannells of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren, Kyle Rannells, Jayden Rannells, and Delaney Rannells; two sisters, Marie Blum of Earling, Leona and her husband Richard Sondag of Portsmouth; one brother, Francis and his wife Mary Heese of Earling; brother-in-law, Mel Book of Earling, and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2009, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap with Rev. Paul Strittmatter, SJ celebrating. Musicians were Marilyn Grote and St. Patrick's Choir. Honorary pall bearers were Joe Book and Pat Blum. Pall bearers were Jim Roberts, Dave Sondag, Joe Heese, Jamie Swanson, Don Roberts, and Dan Rannells. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap.



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