

Dorothy Rau, 69

Feb. 20, 1930 - March 9, 1999

DEFIANCE - Dorothy Marie Rau, daughter of Theodore and Clara (Hein) Foxhoven, was born Feb. 20, 1930, at Panama. She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended school in Panama and Earling.

Sept. 3, 1956, she married Harold Rau at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union four children were born. After their marriage, they lived near Harlan, moved to Charter Oak, Earling and then to the Defiance area where they farmed east of town. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and she was on the Liturgy Committee and Ladies Council. She was in charge of the kitchen at most functions held in the Community Hall for over 20 years. She died March 9, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, at age 69 years and 17 days.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald Foxhoven in 1982. She is survived by her husband, Harold Rau of Defiance; her children, Steven Rau (Brenda) of Defiance; Joyce (Sterling) Flott of Omaha; Dennis Rau (Jan) of Des Moines; and Joan Rau of Omaha; six grandchildren; her parents, Theodore and Clara Foxhoven of Earling; her brother, Leo Foxhoven (Donna) of Dakota City, NE; her sister, Marilyn Henkel of Denison; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 12, 1999, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.P.P.S. celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Bob Carroll, Mike Gaul, Bill Leinen, Tom Foxhoven, Joe Gaul and Mike Foxhoven casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

