

Dorothy Stenzel, 91

Sept. 4, 1914 - March 18, 2006

LOMITA, CA — Dorothy Evelyn Stenzel, daughter of Henry and Blanche (Keairnes) Bieker, was born Sept. 4, 1914, in Earling. After the family moved to Defiance, she attended St. Paul's Catholic School and grew to adulthood.

Dorothy married Clarence D. Stenzel of Manilla. Four children were born to this union. Early in their marriage, they relocated to Illinois, where they lived the remainder of their lives. She died in Lomita, CA, March 18, 2006, following a two-year struggle to overcome a severe stroke suffered while visiting her son, Keith.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Del; grandson, Dan Stenzel of Plainfield, IL; sister, Irene (Herk) Hansen of Harlan; brothers, Edmund Bieker (Helen) of Defiance; and Leo Bieker of Harlan. She is survived by her children, Richard (Donna) Stenzel of Joliet, IL; Ellen Sanders (Gene Miller) of Channahon, IL; Russ (Diane) Stenzel of Vero Beach, FL; Keith Stenzel of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; her sister-in-law, Mick (Leo) Bieker of Harlan; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Private family services were held in Plainfield, IL.

