

## Veronica Mary Stessman, 86

*March 27, 1913 - July 24, 1999*

**EARLING** – Veronica Stessman, daughter of John and Bertha Schneider Stessman, was born at Earling, March 27, 1913. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended country school and then later St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling graduating in 1931. She wanted to attend nurses training after high school but because her older sister, Marie (later St. Thea) entered the convent, she stayed home and took care of her parents and brothers and sisters. In addition to being a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, she belonged to the Third Order of St. Francis and St. Joseph's Altar Society. She died at Elm Crest Retirement Center July 24, 1999, at age 86 years, three months and 28 days. She was the last surviving child of John and Bertha Stessman.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her 11 brothers and sisters, Carl, Frank, Al, Josephine, Clara, Sr. Thea, Leonard, Adolph, Lawrence, Joseph and Johnny. Survivors include nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 27, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Msgr. Gerald Stessman the celebrant and Rev. Howard Fitzgerald concelebrant, assisted by Rev. Mr. John Stessman. Burial was in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Jim Stessman, Charles Stessman, Mark Stessman, Dewey Sonderman, Francis Borman and Jack Sonderman honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tom Borman, Roger Christensen, Don Stessman, John Schechinger, Dennis Sonderman and John Stessman. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

