

The Life Story of —

MRS JOSEPH ARKFELD, 84

DEFIANCE — Theresa Mary Arkfeld, daughter of Clemens and Theresa Wittrock Siemers, was born Nov. 8, 1889 in Templeton, where she attended school and grew to adulthood. She died at Myrtue hospital on Jan. 30, 1974 at age 84 years, 2 months, 22 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Sacred Heart church in Templeton and she has been a member of St. Peter's church in Defiance since moving here. She was also a member of St. Peters Altar Society. On June 9, 1908 she married Joseph Arkfeld at St. Mary's church in Panama. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Arkfeld farmed near Panama for 10 years. In 1920 they moved to the Defiance community where they farmed until 1960. They then moved into Defiance and this has been her home since that time.

Mrs Arkfeld was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, on April 14, 1967; by an infant daughter, Marie; by her parents; and by three sisters - Mrs Bernadine Dopheide, Mrs Elizabeth Dorweiler and Antonia Siemers. She is survived by her two sons - Anthony H. AND Clarence Arkfeld, both of Defiance; by her two daughters - Angeline (Mrs Gerald C. Anastasi) of Hawthorne, Calif., and Leona (Mrs Warren Kohl) of Defiance; by 25 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren; by one sister, Mary (Mrs George Arkfeld) of Panama; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 2, 1974 at St. Peter's church in Defiance with Rev. Vincent Ohlinger as celebrant and Rev. James A. Freeman as concelebrant.

Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Alvin Kohl, Allan Arkfeld, Ronald Arkfeld, Gerald Arkfeld, Kenneth Arkfeld, and Robert Arkfeld her grandsons, serving as pallbearers.