

Rita C. Burger, 56

Rita Cecelia Burger, daughter of Henry Fred and Anna Koesters Patten, was born Feb. 18, 1925 on a farm near Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmation at St. Boniface Catholic church. She attended St. Boniface Catholic school, grew to adulthood on her parents' farm and then worked as a hired girl.

She was married to Doyle E. King and they made their home in Bloomfield, Neb. One son was born to this union. In 1947, Rita moved back to Earling where she worked for many years as a housekeeper for Lud Kramer.

In 1955, Rita married Arthur C. Burger. Three children were born to this union. They made their home in Nevada, Ia. for several years. After Mr Burger's death in 1973, Mrs Burger lived in Atlantic and Avoca, where she was employed as a cook, before moving to Mankato, Minn., to be near her son and daughter. She was a member of the Catholic church. She died at the Mankato House Nursing Home in Mankato, Minn., on Thursday, July 16, 1981, at age 56 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, Rita was preceded in death by one brother, Anthony. She is survived by three sons, Dave King of Mankato, Randy Burger of Ft. Carson, Colo., and Gary Burger of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; one daughter, Debra (Mrs John) Waters of Mankato; five grandchildren; three brothers, Alfred

Patten of Omaha, Francis Patten of Hopkins, Minn. and Charles Patten of Earling; three sisters, Marie (Mrs Lawrence) Goeser of Earling; Mathilda (Mrs Henry) Schram of Canby, Oreg. and Helen (Mrs Clyde) Clark of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Monday, July 20, 1981 with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Dennis Koesters, Alvin Koesters, Tim Patten, Mark Miener, Wayne Petersen and Dwight Clark serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan, handled the arrangements.