

Elizabeth C. Gaul, 90

Earling — Elizabeth Catherine Gaul, daughter of George and Elizabeth Blum Gaul was born on a farm near Westphalia, Shelby county, on March 5, 1890. She was baptized at St. Boniface church in Westphalia, and later confirmed. She attended St. Boniface school, Westphalia. She moved with her family to Panama and later to Carroll.

On July 12, 1910, she married Peter Joseph Gaul in St. Peter and Paul's church in Carroll. 12 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling until retirement in 1946 when they moved to Earling. They became residents of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Dec. of 1975. They were privileged to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 12. She was a member of St. Joseph's church in Earling. She was also a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Mrs Gaul was awarded the "Pro Pontifici Ecclesia", an award for Outstanding Catholic Mother, in 1955. It was presented by the Most Rev. E.C. Daly, former Bishop of Des Moines. She died at the Little Flower Haven Home, Earling, on Sunday, July 13, 1980, at age 90 years, 4 months and 8 days.

In addition to her parents, Mrs Gaul was preceded in death by one son, Joseph; four sisters - Katherine, Mary, Grace, and Josephine; and seven brothers - Martin, Joseph, Lawrence, Peter, Isadore, Vitus, and Henry. Survivors include her husband, Peter of Earling; ten sons - Isadore N. Gaul of Davenport; Sylvester G. Gaul of Davenport; Ferdinand H. Gaul of Earling; Hilary W. Gaul of Perry; Cornelius J. Gaul of Greenfield; Francis P. Gaul of Longview, Wash.; Gerald V. Gaul of Earling; Peter J. Gaul of Satellite Beach, Fla.; Leo I. Gaul of Earling and Charles S. Gaul of Holt, Mo., one daughter - Adelaide M. (Mrs Peter) Croghan of Woodbine; 71 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling, on Wednesday, July 16, 1980, with Rev. Hilary W. Gaul, Rev. Cornelius Gaul, and Rev. Jon Kautzky as concelebrants, assisted by Leo I. Gaul, deacon. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Tim Gaul, Tom Gaul, Mike Gaul, David Gaul, Ronald Gaul and Phil Croghan serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.