

# Maxine Gross

**EARLING** — Maxine Frances Gross, daughter of Joseph and Vera Downey Mahlberg was born in Panama on June 12, 1922. She died at her home near Dow City, on April 12, 1977, at age of 54 years and 10 months. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. She attended St. Mary's school and grew to adulthood in Panama. She served as a 4-H leader for ten years and was president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Panama. She was employed at a canning factory for a while and served as a volunteer at the Glenwood State school. On April 15, 1959, she married Alfons H. Gross at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Gross lived on a farm in Shelby county for several years before moving to a farm near Dow City. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Alfons, of Dow City; a son, Peter - at home; and by a daughter, Susan - at home; four brothers - Joseph Mahlberg of Earling, Walter Mahlberg of Defiance, Mike and Peter Mahlberg - both of Panama; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

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A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama, on Friday, April 15, 1977, with Rev. Eugene Koch as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Tim Koch, Tim Klein, Craig Gross, Dennis Bissen, Darrell Mahlberg and Randall Mahlberg serving as casketbearers.

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