

Frances Kleffman, 83

PORTSMOUTH — Frances Josephine Kleffman, daughter of Michael Rau and Mary Lockman Rau, was born on Sept. 12, 1890 near Westphalia. She attended school and grew to adulthood in this area. On June 27, 1916 she married John Kleffman in Westphalia. This union was blessed with ten children. Mr and Mrs Kleffman lived in this community until 1940 when they moved to Co. Bluffs. Mrs Kleffman belonged to St. Francis church in Co. Bluffs for 29 years. She was also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She died on Dec. 22, 1973 at the Marion Center in Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs after a lengthy illness at age 83 years, 3 months, 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband John in Sept. 1969 and a son Richard in Dec. 1972. She is survived by nine children, Ralph, Harold, Walter, Norbert and Harry Kleffman all of Portsmouth; Father James Kleffman of Co. Bluffs; Mrs Paul (Charlotte) McDermott of Portsmouth; Alice Kleffman of Co. Bluffs; Mrs Leon (Margann) Schueller of Dawson, Minn., 37 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; 4 brothers Aton, Frank, Gilbert and Raymond Rau, 2 sisters, Mrs Frank (Anna) Kloewer, and Mrs Gotliele (Eleanor) Kloewer.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 24 at St. Francis church in Co. Bluffs with Father James Kleffman as celebrant. Burial was in the Portsmouth cemetery with Ralph Kleffman, Jr. Ronald Kleffman, Joseph Kleffman, Glen Kleffman, David Kleffman and Kennan Schueller serving as pallbearers.