

Dora J. Muenchrath, 89

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Earling - Dora Johanna Muenchrath, daughter of Joseph and Emelia Hunstock Goeser, was born Aug. 14, 1891, in Earling. She was baptized, received her first communion and confirmation in St. Joseph's church, Earling and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

On Nov. 21, 1911, she married Henry Alois Muenchrath in St. Joseph's church. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling until 1947, when they retired and moved into Earling. After Henry's death on May 31, 1960, she continued to make her home in Earling. She was a member of St. Joseph's church in Earling and also a Charter Member of the Catholic Daughter's of America, St. Katherine's Court No. 266 of Earling. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1981, at age 89 years, 6 months and 11 days.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Michael and Ivo and one daughter, Veronica; three brothers, Henry, Joseph and Aloysius Goeser and three sisters, Anna Marie (Sister Cypriana), Katherine (Sister Cyprian) and Esther (Sister Arilda) Goeser. Survivors include three sons, Ambrose of Earling; Silverius of Earling and Fred of Wichita, Kans.; three daughters, Loretta (Mrs Vernon) Watje of Spencer, Wisc., Mary Ann Muenchrath and Rita (Mrs James) Smith, both of Omaha, Neb.; 28 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren; one brother, Cyprian Goeser of Co. Bluffs; five sisters, Maria (Sister Emelia) Goeser of Ia Crosse, Wisc., Scholastica (Mrs Ivan) O'Connell of Laramie, Wyo.; Ramona (Mrs Alfred) Schwery of Manilla; (Mrs William) Hahn of Harlan and Sister Martha Goeser of Freeport, Ill.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church, Earling, Saturday, Feb. 28, 1981, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Robert Muenchrath, Jim Watje, Tom Anderson, Tom Muenchrath, Michael Smith and Rick Seimer serving as pallbearers.