

MARY A. SONDAG, 80

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Mary Sondag, daughter of Susan and Frank Hammes, was born Jan. 4, 1891 on a farm east of Portsmouth. She moved into Portsmouth when she was two years old and grew to womanhood there. May 21, 1912 she married Joseph P. Sondag at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. To this union four sons and three daughters were born. They would have been married 59 years this May. She was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Church and belonged to St. Mary's Rosary Confraternity. After her marriage they moved back to the farm where she was born and they lived there until 1951 when they moved back into Portsmouth. This was their home until March 18, 1970. They then became residents of the Little Flower Haven at Earling. She died March 15, 1971 at the Little Flower Haven at age 80 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph P. Sondag; her children, Miss

Marie Sondag of Omaha, Francis Sondag of Clarinda, Ted Sondag of Portsmouth, Suzette (Mrs Richard Langenfeld) of Portsmouth, Richard Sondag of Portsmouth and Barbara (Mrs Richard Heller) of Portsmouth) 24 grandchildren and a sister, Mrs Margaret Blum of Panama. She was preceded in death by her son, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph in 1964; her parents; brother, John Leinen and a sister, Sr. M. Amadea, O.S.F.

Funeral services were held March 18 at St. Mary's Church with Rev. Edward R. Kelly, Celebrant, Rev. Msgr. Paul Marsco, Con-Celebrant and Rev. Fred P. Reischl, Con-Celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery with Robert Sondag, Joseph Sondag, Kenneth Sondag, David Sondag, Gary Heller and Donald Langenfeld as pallbearers.