

# Martha M. Weiland, 80

Defiance 8 Martha Marie Weiland, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Kuhl Weiland, was born in Earling on Sept. 30, 1897. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling. In 1905, she moved with her parents to a farm southeast of Defiance. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on the farm.

Martha worked as a clerk in the drug store and later the general store in Earling for a number of years. In 1930, she moved back to the family farm where she kept house for her parents and her two brothers. This was her home until becoming a resident of the Manilla Manor in Manilla, in June of this year. Martha died at Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison, on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1978, at age 80 years, 10 months and 15 days. She was a long time member of St. Peter's church and Altar Society in Defiance. She was also a member of St. Katherine's Court No. 266, Catholic Daughters of America of Earling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers - Marcus and Emeran (Hi) Weiland. Survivors include three sisters - Irene (Mrs Ed Loehr) and Mildred (Mrs Bruno Goeser), of Defiance and Lenora (Mrs Art Hickey) of Manilla; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance on Thursday, Aug. 17, 1978, with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Leo Goeser, John Goeser, Brian Hogan, James Goeser, Edward Goeser and David Schneider, all nephews of Martha Weiland, serving as pallbearers.

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