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Margaret Book, 66

PORTSMOUTH – Margaret Mary Book, daughter of Frank and Estella (Wieland) Heese, was born July 10, 1924, near Earling. She died Sept. 26, 1990, at the Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, NE., at age 66 years, two months and 16 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's School.

Jan. 23, 1946, she married Mel Book at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr

Book played baseball for three years, and she accompanied him most of the time. In 1949, they moved to Portsmouth, and this has been their home since that time. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and was a past member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph; one Madonna, and a granddaughter, Jill Book. She is survived by her husband, Mel of Portsmouth; seven sons, Gary of Howard, S.D.; Terry of Plattsmouth, NE.; Denny of Walnut; Joe of Woodbine; Bob of Portsmouth; Randy of Omaha and Jim of Battle Mountain, NV.; two daughters, Mary Jo (Mrs Mark) Schraeder of Kansas City, KS., and Becky Book of Portsmouth; 11 grandchildren; four sisters, Marie (Mrs Zeno) Blum of Earling; Estella (Mrs Francis) Rannells of Dunlap; Theresa (Mrs James) Swanson of Marne, and Leona (Mrs Richard) Sondag of Portsmouth: brother, Francis Heese of Earling: nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Sept. 29, 1990, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Mike McLaughlin as the celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with her sons, Gary, Terry, Denny, Joe, Bob, Randy, and Jim Book all serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.