

## Marie Grote, 61

**PORTSMOUTH** - Marie "Mamie" Grote, daughter of Gilbert and Lidwina (Eisterhold) Rau, was born at Westphalia on July 27, 1926. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, on March 14, 1988 at age 61 years, seven months and 16 days. She was baptized, received her First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface School, and grew to adulthood in the home of her parents.

On April 16, 1947, she married James Grote at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Two sons and seven daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth; Rosary Confraternity; Quilting Club; American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 547 of Portsmouth; and secretary-treasurer of the County American Legion.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Rau, Sr.; a sister, Sr. Lauriette Rau; and a grandson, Nathan James Bladt. She is survived by her husband, James, of Portsmouth; her sons, Lloyd of LaVista, NE; and Mike of Portsmouth; her daughters, Linda (Mrs William) Anderson of Richardson, TX; Gloria Musich of Harlan; Kathleen (Mrs Melvin) Sporrer of Portsmouth; Leona (Mrs Daniel) Bladt of Shelby; Geralyn (Mrs Paul) Sacks of St. Augustine, FL; Marita (Mrs Jay) Heiman of Co. Bluffs; and Maxine (Mrs Mark) Gaul of Sioux City; 17 grandchildren; her mother, Lidwina Rau of Portsmouth; three brothers, Leo Rau of Omaha;



Leonard Rau of Portsmouth and Gilbert Rau, Jr. of Lander, WY; nine sisters, Dorothy Gaul of Earling; Zita Bruck of Earling; Alma Kramer of Harlan; Jeanette Mikels of Portsmouth; Martha Mumm of Harlan; Verla Mumm of Earling; Mervin Corbin of Kerrville, Tx; Patricia Kuether of Pierce, NE and Judy Jones of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 17, 1988 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth with Rev. Bud Grant as the celebrant; Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte served as the concelebrating priest, assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth, with Wayne Bruck, Bob Rau, Ron Grote, Lyle Mickels, Ken Mumm and Bill Grote as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.