

Alma Wilwerding, 54

EARLING - Alma Rose Wilwerding, daughter of James and Catherine (Kloewer) Nehl was born March 4, 1934, on a farm near Defiance. She died Feb. 7, 1989 at Archbishop Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 54 years, 11 months and three days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Defiance. She attended St. Paul's School, graduating in 1952.

April 20, 1953, she married Bernard Wilwerding at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Three daughters and three sons were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Earling, where Bernie operated a feed business. She was employed for 13 years as a nurse's aide at Little Flower Haven. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling; was active in Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) for the Des Moines Diocese; and was Extra Ordinary Minister of Communion.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughters, Ann (Mrs Ronald) Herzinger and Sheila (Mrs Daniel) Hoffmann, both of Omaha; and Laura (Mrs Harvey) Graeve of Houston, TX; three sons, James of St. Paul, MN; Paul of Iowa City and Tony at home in Earling; four grandchildren; three sisters, Rita Block of Earling; Delores (Mrs Jack) Dempsey of Omaha and Jean (Mrs Richard) Laux of Ashland, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was con-celebrated Feb. 11, 1989, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling with Rev. Nelo Leto as celebrant. The Reverends Larry Hoffmann, Fred Reischl, Greg Leach, Tom DeCarlo, Mike Burner, Jon Kautzky, John Szarke, Charles Froehle and Phil Kruse con-celebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling with Leo Block, Rich Laux, John Dempsey, Denny Wilwerding, Dan Wilwerding and Mike Larri-son as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge.