

# Josephine A. Koehler

Josephine A. Koehler, 95, Groton, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000 at the Beverly Health Care Center in Groton,

Her funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, with Father David Janes officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Josephine Donovan was born September 3, 1905, in rural Brown County to Joseph and Anna (Drummond) Donovan. She attended the Riverside Township Country School and later graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Mitchell. She then began teaching at the Riverside Township Country School, rural Groton, for eight years. She married William H. Koehler on December 27, 1930, in Ipswich. They moved to a farm near Groton where they lived until 1994 when Josephine moved into Groton until she died. She had been a resident of Beverly Healthcare since 1996.

Josephine hobbies included cooking, baking and knitting. Her grandchildren were blessed with each one of them receiving an afghan from their grandmother.

Josephine was honored as the oldest living member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church during the dedication of the new church.



Josephine is survived by a son, Don, Groton; two daughters, Darlene Nehls, Waubay; and Jean Hanson, Aberdeen; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Her parents, husband, one son, three sisters, two brothers and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Tom Woods, Jim Gerdes, Darrel Flihs, Doug Bahr, David Dohman and Scott Eisenbeisz. Honorary pallbearers were the members of Beverly Healthcare, Groton. Patti Woods sang a solo and Matt Hinds was the organist.