

12-29-94

Blanche Mahan, 89

Mass of Christian Burial for Blanche Mahan, 89, Groton, and formerly Turton, was held at Tuesday, St. John The Baptist Church, Groton.

The Reverend Marvin McPhee officiated.

Burial was at the Groton Catholic Cemetery with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Mahan died Friday, Dec. 23, 1994, Colonial Manor, Groton.

Blanche Ida Fortin was born March 4, 1905, to Meddy and Lucille (Barrie) Fortin, Turton. She grew up in the Turton area and attended the Catholic convent school near Turton until it burned. She then finished through the eighth grade at country school. A few years later, her family moved to Waubay, where her father was a music teacher. As a young woman she worked at the Waubay Hotel until her marriage.

She married Floyd Mahan, January 1, 1925, in Aberdeen. They made their home in Turton, where her husband sold insurance.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Turton, the Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters.

She is survived by two sons, Jack Mahan, Groton and Tom Mahan, Mendota Heights, Mn.; one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Mertys) Reese, Columbus, Neb.; one brother, Don Fortin, Sioux Falls; three sisters, Gladys Bundrock, Webster; Ann Rogers, Safety Harbor, Fla. and Mrs. Carroll (Wilda) Zarneke, Van Nuys, Calif.; seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, four brothers and four sisters.

Casketbearers were Roland Barrie, Erdon Barrie, Jim Becker, Keith Fortin, John Rahm and Joe Thome.

The organist was Peggy Simon. The soloist was Traci Sundling.

Ushers were Gene Abeln and Steve Simon.