

Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Vershelde, 89, of Minneota, was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. Interment followed the service at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery in Minneota.

Mary died on Saturday, November 29, 2008, at the Sanford Health Canby Campus.

Mary Ann (DeVlaeminck) Vershelde was born on April 3, 1919, in Ulsta, Belgium, to Archie and Augusta (Remmerie) DeVlaeminck. When she was a baby, Mary moved with her family to the Ghent/Minneota area where she grew up and attended country school.

On October 9, 1945, Mary was united in marriage to August (Gus) Vershelde at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. The couple farmed East of Minneota until 1954, when they purchased a farm North of Taunton. They retired in 1982 and later moved to Minneota.

Mary enjoyed ceramics, quilting, raising chickens in the summer and baking.

In their later years, Mary and Gus enjoyed travelling and an occasional trip to the casino. She was most passionate about spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Joyce (Larry) West of Madison, Gene (Brenda) Vershelde of Minneota, Shirley Swanson of Dallas, son-in-law Gordy Loyson of Minneota; 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Audrey Loyson, and three siblings: Margaret Polman, Robert and George DeVlaeminck.