

## Mary Rose Blum, 85

Mary Rose Blum, daughter of Martin and Mary Rodke Kwapiszeski was born July 27, 1896 on a farm northeast of Panama. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Mary Rose attended the country school near Panama, growing to adulthood helping on the family farm.

On Oct. 17, 1916, she married Benedict Leonard Blum at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm near Panama for many years. In 1961, they retired and moved into Panama. In Oct. of 1977, she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. After Mr Blum died on Nov. 9, 1978, she continued to make her home at the Little Flower Haven.

She was a life long member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama as well as a member of their Altar and Rosary Society and a sewing circle. She died at Myrtle Memorial hospital on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1981 at the age of 85 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe, John and Fred Kwapiszeski and two sisters, Kate (Mrs Gene) Weimer and Anna (Mrs Joe) Klein.

She is survived by her son, Ralph of Panama; two daughters, Adeline (Mrs Nick) May and Isabel (Mrs Al) Feldman, both of Panama; 19 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama on Friday, Dec. 11, 1981 with the Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and the Rev. Robert Schoemann as concelebrant.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Jerry May, Roger Blum, John Feldman, Kenny May, Robert Feldman and Steve Petersen.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan, handled the arrangements.