



Theresa Schwery, 92

PANAMA — Theresa Schwery, daughter of Joseph and Theresa Stolz Klein, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia on March 28, 1886. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. She attended country school and later St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Sept. 12, 1905 she married Melchior Joseph Schwery at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. 12 children were born to this union. She grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Sept. 12, 1905 she married Melchior Joseph Schwery at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. 12 children was born to this union.

After their marriage, they farmed near Panama. After her husband's death in Jan., 1942, Theresa continued to make her home on the farm until retiring in 1948 and moving to Harlan. This was her home for 20 years and in 1968 she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. This has been her home since that time. Mrs Schwery died at Myrtue hospital in Harlan on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1978 at age of 92 years, six months and 23 days.

She was a member of St. Michael's church and St. Michael's Guild in Harlan. She was a charter member of St. Katherin's Court No. 266 Catholic Daughters of America of Earling.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs Schwery was preceded in death by eight grandchildren; six brothers - John, Andrew, Peter, Albert, George and Joe Klein, and by two sisters, Katie Schulte and Mary Muschitz.

She is survived by three sons - Alfred of Manilla, LeVern of Vail and Melvin of Panama; nine daughters - Margaret (Mrs Wilfred Coenen) and Zita Engel, of Westphalia, Viola (Mrs Zeno Leinen) and Mildred (Mrs William Leuschen) of Portsmouth; Magdalena Hodapp of Co. Bluffs, Verena (Mrs Moe Maiwald) of Harlan, Nonna (Mrs Leonard Adams) of Santa Cruz, Calif., Theresa Wellman of Neola and Cleopha (Mrs Newmark Nelsen) of Mercer Island, Wash.; 82 grandchildren; 152 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; by two sisters - Magdalene Wageman of Defiance and Josephine Mahlberg of Dunlap, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Panama on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1978 with Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and Rev. Eugene J. Klein as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Bob Hodapp, Ken Maiwald, Mark Schwery, David Coenen, James Leinen and Alfred Schwery, all grandsons of Mrs Schwery serving as pallbearers.