

Lena Blum, 93

PANAMA – Lena Mary Blum, daughter of Mike and Catherine (Clemens) Blum was born near Westphalia, Aug. 11, 1895. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parents' farm. After school, she continued to reside with her parents and to care for them. In 1967, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling and this has been her home since that time. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, Feb. 22, 1989 at age 93 years, six months and 11 days. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Joe, Mike, Pete and Benedict and five sisters, Sr. Margaret Blum, Catherine Goetzinger, Anna Kwapiszeski, Marie Katzer and Sr. Antilia Blum. She is survived by one brother, Chris Blum of Panama; two sisters, Clara Lefeber of Earling; and Sophie Schoemann of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Feb. 25, 1989 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama, with Rev. Paul Bianchi as the celebrant. Rev. Bob Schoeman concelebrated. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Vernon Blum, Harold Lefeber, James Katzer, Robert Blum, Charles Goetzinger and Michael Wingert as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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