Lucille P. Blum, 76 ✓

Nov. 9, 1922 - Feb. 24, 1999

PANAMA - Lucille Philomena Blum, daughter of John C. and Clara (Strauel) Wilwerding, was born Nov. 9, 1922, at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School, graduating from high school with the class of 1940.

May 21, 1946, she married LeVerne Blum at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. They became the parents of four children. The family lived in Earling until July of 1949. At this time they purchased the Skelly Station in Panama. She became a postal employee in 1957. July 26, 1980, she was appointed Postmaster of Panama. After the death of her husband, LeVerne, March 5, 1983, she continued to make Panama her home. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and past president of the Rosary Society. She died at her home Feb. 24, 1999, at age 76 years, three months and 15 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, LeVerne, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Austin James Velthoff, and her sister, Marie Stessman. Survivors include her children, Judy (Steve) Jauron of Sergeant Bluff; Dan Blum, M.D. (Linda) or Marshalltown; Doug Blum of Omaha, NE and Jackie (Dave) Velthoff of Panama; her brothers and sisters, Verna (Kenneth) Coenen of Harlan; Jerold Wilwerding of Sierra Madre, CA; Alice (John) Stessman of Harlan; Joe Wilwerding (Mary Ann) of Earling; Rev. Albert Wilwerding of St. Louis, MO; and Ray Wilwerding (Mary) of Earling; 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 27, 1999, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with Rev. Michael G. Peters the celebrant, Rev. Michael Berner and Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Tony Blum, Michael Jauron, Brad Jauron, Jeffrey Blum, Marty Wymore and Lloyd Rupp casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.