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## Mildred C. Chamberlain, 83

*March 27, 1917 - Dec. 20, 2000*



**PANAMA** – Mildred Catherine Chamberlain, was born to Michael and Gertrude (Nollen) Blum, in Panama, March 27, 1917. She grew up in a family of five. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and attended and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic High School in Panama. Following graduation, she was engaged to marry Malvern Sternberg who later died of cancer. She then moved to Glen Elsen, IL, where she was employed as a nanny.

She then returned to Panama and married a former neighbor boy, Vearl "Lefty" Chamberlain March 17, 1943. Together, they worked his family's farm and raised a family of ten children, two daughters and eight sons. In 1982, Vearl died from cancer, and following his death, Mildred moved to a home constructed by her sons in Panama. She was an active member of the Sewing Circle, Golden Legion Auxiliary and Neighbor Club. As a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, she served as a lector and laundered altar linens. In March of 1995, she suffered a stroke and became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center. She died Dec. 20, 2000, at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center at age 83 years, eight months and 23 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vearl, Sept. 26, 1982; sister, Helen Sternberg, and grandson, Brad. She is survived by her children, Sharon (Jerry) Anderson of Avoca; Emery "Bud" Chamberlain (Shirley) of Panama; Richard Chamberlain (Sharrell) of La Vista, NE; Donald Chamberlain (Kathy) of Harlan; Ted Chamberlain (Karen) of Earling; Russ Chamberlain (Joan) of Harlan; Jerry Chamberlain (Joan) of Harlan; Mary Lou (Ron) Fees of Plattsmouth, NE; Randy Chamberlain (Faye) of Harlan; John Chamberlain (Connie) of Omaha, NE; 35 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; brother and sisters, Marcella "Sally" Finken of Panama; Bernie (Don) Leuschen of Panama and Michael Blum, Jr. (Theresa) of Harlan; sister-in-law, Bernice Klein; brother-in-law, Neil Sternberg; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 23, 2000, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant and Msgr. Robert Chamberlain homilist. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Brian Fees, Jereme Chamberlain, Chris Klitgaard, Jeff Chamberlain, Aaron Chamberlain, Jim Chamberlain, Kevin Anderson and Doug Chamberlain casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge