

## Margaret Coenen, 97 †

*Aug. 31, 1907 - Nov. 15, 2004*

**WESTPHALIA** — Margaret Pauline Coenen, daughter of Melchior and Theresa Klein Schwery, was born on a farm Aug. 31, 1907, near Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and she also attended school in Panama and then stayed home to help her mother with her siblings.

Margaret married Wilfred Coenen at St. Mary's Catholic Church June 18, 1929, and they made their home on a farm near Westphalia. Their wedding dance was the first to be held in the newly erected St. Boniface School Hall. After their marriage, they farmed in the area until their retirement in 1969 and then moved into their present home in Westphalia, where Margaret was fortunate enough to remain until her death. They were the parents of six children, Ivo, David, Vicki, Gloria, Marvin and Twyla. Margaret was a 4-H leader while her children were growing up. She also raised and dressed chickens as well as selling their eggs. She died Nov. 15, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 97 years, two months and 15 days.

In addition to her parents, Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred, who died Feb. 19, 1990; her son, Ivo; several brothers and sisters, Alfred, Verena Maiwald, Viola Leinen, Magdalena Hodapp, LaVern and Melvin. Survivors include her children, David Coenen (Karen) of Council Bluffs; Vicki (Larry) Schmitz of Westphalia; Gloria (Norman) Schmitz of Westphalia; Marvin Coenen (Carol) of Omaha, NE; and Twyla (Phillip) Grooms of Columbus, OH; daughter-in-law, Bernadine (Ivo) Coenen of Harlan; 33 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Zita Engel of Westphalia; Nonna Adams of Santa Cruz, CA; Theresa Wellman of Neola; Millie Leuschen of Panama; and Cleo Nelson of Mercer Island, WA; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 19, 2004, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Glen Wilwerding celebrant with Brian Day, Ron Coenen, Kevin Coenen, Gene Schmitz, Bob Coenen and Dale Schmitz casket bearers. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery, Westphalia. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

