

Marcella "Sally" Finken, 87

May 2, 1919 - Sept. 2, 2006

PANAMA — Marcella "Sally" Marie Finken, the daughter of Michael Blum Sr. and Gertrude (Nollen) Blum, was born May 2, 1919, in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed and was a lifetime member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama.

April 30, 1940, Sally married Larry Finken at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Three children were born to this union, Bonnie, Ken, and Dean. After their marriage, Larry and Sally farmed in the Panama area. They retired from farming in 1980, but continued to live on the farm and later moved into Panama. She was employed at St. Mary's School cafeteria as well as a cook at Little Flower Haven. She died Sept. 2, 2006, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, four months after her 87th birthday.

In addition to her parents, Sally was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Finken; her grandson, Danny Wangner; her son-in-law, Bob Wangner; and her sisters, Helen Sternberg, Mildred Chamberlain and Bernie Leuschen. She is survived by her children, Bonnie Wangner of Boca Raton, FL, Ken (Sue) Finken of Council Bluffs; and Dean (Carol) Finken of Atlantic; five grandchildren, Chrissy, Phil and Chad Finken, and Nick and Scott Finken; three great-grandchildren, Mariah, McCade and William; her brother, Mike, Jr. (Theresa) Blum of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was con-celebrated by Rev. Robert Hoefler and Rev. John Dorton Sept. 6, 2006, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Keith Finken, Bud Chamberlain, Ted Chamberlain, Bob Blum, Mike Blum and Dave Sternberg. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

