

Agnes Herbst, 94 ✓

Feb. 15, 1913 - Aug. 2, 2007

PANAMA - Agnes Mary Herbst, daughter of Theodore and Bertha (Huetman) Stessman, was born Feb. 15, 1913, in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and graduated from St. Mary's High School. She continued her education and obtained her teaching certificate where she then taught in a rural school near Panama. She was later appointed post mistress at the Panama Post Office.

June 1, 1937, Agnes married Elmer Herbst at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They were the parents of 10 children, Janice, Carol, Diane, Dan, Jean, Don, Bill, Peggy, Ted, and Jim. After their wedding, they lived on their farm near Panama until Elmer's death in 1984. It was then that Agnes moved to a house in Panama. She was active in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and also served as an officer in St. Mary's Altar Society. In 2004, she became a resident at Little Flower Haven. It was there that she died Aug. 2, 2007, at age 94 years, five months, and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, Agnes is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her great-granddaughter, Megan Klein and 10 of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Janice (Robert) Theulen of Panama; Carol (Ron) Mickels of Omaha, NE; Diane (Tom) Dermody of Alamo, CA; Dan Herbst (Carol) of Panama; Jean (Larry) Heese of Cedar Rapids; Don Herbst (Shirley) of Earling; Bill Herbst of Davie, FL Ted Herbst (Shirley) of Cedar Rapids; Peggy (Don) Shawver of Fair Oaks, CA; and Jim Herbst (Joan) of South Elgin, IL; 29 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren; her sister, Gen Oppold of Panama; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Dorton Aug. 5, 2007, at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and concelebrated by Msgr. Gerald Stessman and Rev. Michael Peters. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. Casket bearers were Matt Herbst, Dean Herbst, Tim Herbst, Mark Hesse, Luke Shawver and Ryan Dermody. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.

