

## Pauline Koch, 88

**PANAMA** - Pauline Josephine Koch, the daughter of Peter and Catherine (Klein) Schulte was born in Westphalia Twp., Shelby County on Dec. 28, 1899. She died at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE on May 20, 1988 at age 88 years, four months and 22 days. She was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, was confirmed and received her First Communion at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap and grew to adulthood on the family farm, west of Earling.

On Jan. 20, 1926, she married Leo O. Koch at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Ten children were born to this union. After their marriage, the Kochs lived in Omaha, NE, for a short time before moving to Panama. After the death of Leo on Sept. 14, 1974, she continued to live in Panama until 1980, when she moved to Omaha.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama; the Altar Society; the Rosary Society and received the Papal Honor, Peo Pontifice at Ecclesia Medal in 1961. She was a member of the Panama Sewing Circle and received the Panama Senior Citizens Award in 1980. For the past eight years, she has been a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Omaha and Our Lady of Lourdes Guild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Natalia; two grandchildren; three brothers: Henry, Albert and Robert and two sisters, Kathryn and Lena. She is survived by seven sons, Linus of Portsmouth; Louis of Earling; Charles of West Des Moines; Rev. Eugene of Perry; Rev. Paul of Buena Vista, Bolivia; Walter of Co. Bluffs and Richard of Sioux Falls, SD; two daughters, Madonna (Mrs Bernard) Feldman and Mary Agnes (Mrs LeRoy) Lamge both of Omaha; 45 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward Schulte of Omaha; two sisters, Rose Defelsen and Anna Buckley both of Dunlap; two aunts, nieces and nephews.

Concelebrating the Mass, Tuesday, May 24, 1988 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama were her sons, Rev. Paul Koch and Rev. Eugene Koch, assisted by the priests of the Des Moines Diocese. The Homilist was Rev. Tom Furlong, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Omaha, with the final commendation given by the Most Rev. William H. Bullock, Bishop of the Des Moines Diocese. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama, with Tim Koch, Mike Reester, Jerry Lampe, Terry Feldman, John Koch and Bob Koch serving as casket bearers and Rev. Larry Beeson officiating.