

Caecilia Kwapiszeski, 100

Aug. 22, 1893 - May 30, 1994

Panama - Caecilia Katherine Kwapiszeski, daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Schechinger) Fromm was born Aug. 22, 1893 on a farm three miles north of Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended rural school and St. Boniface Parish School in Westphalia. She then attended Davenport Academy for one year.

May 28, 1917, she married Fred W. Kwapiszeski at St. Mary's Church in Panama. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed their entire married life on the Kwapiszeski family farm in Washington Township. She was always happy with her role as a wife, mother and homemaker. After the death of her husband Jan 12, 1962, she continued to reside on the family farm. She enjoyed three trips to Germany with her daughter Edna and trips to WA. She flew to her grandson's wedding at age 94 before she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan June 1, 1989. This has been her home until the time of her death May 30, 1994 at the Clarkson Hospital in Omaha at age 100 years, nine months and eight days. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, the Rosary Society and the Sewing Circle.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Ethyl in 1936 and her brothers and sister, Peter, Michael, John, Jake, Joe, Bernard, Vitus, Pete, Martin, Bartholomew and Mary. She is survived by her children - Fred (Marcella) Kwapiszeski of Portsmouth, Dr. H.J. (Rita) Herbert of Ellensburg, WA; Leonard (Kathy) Kwapiszeski of Panama; Helen (Ray) Rennemeyer of Littleton, CO and Dr. Edna Herbert (William) Henderson of Denver, CO; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated June 2, 1994 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Daleke celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Eugene Klein, Msgr. Lawrence Beesen, Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte and Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Mark Kay, Phil Gubbels, Maurice Rennemeyer, Alvin Stessman, Dean Gubbels and Larry Assmann casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.