

## Margaret L. Leuschen, 82

*April 15, 1917 - Jan. 4, 2000*

**PANAMA** - Margaret Louise Leuschen, daughter of John and Mary Agnes (Sullivan) Carey, was born April 15, 1917, in Panama. Margaret's mother, Mary Agnes (Mamie) died April 24, 1917. Margaret and her older sister, Mary Helen, were raised in the home of her maternal grandparents, John and Mary Sullivan at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's and attended school at St. Mary's in Panama. She was a member of the graduating class of 1935. During the summer of 1935, she attended Normal Training School at Shenandoah, and received her elementary teacher's certificate. She then taught country school five years at Westphalia and Washington Township before her marriage.



June 19, 1941, she married John Leuschen, Sr. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. In 1942, they purchased a farm which was part of her grandfather's original land west of Panama. They resided and farmed there until their retirement in 1974. One son was born to this union, John Jr. Since 1967, she taught in the Panama/Portsmouth Catholic School in Portsmouth and at St. Mary's Regional School in Panama, until her retirement in 1981. She was a member of St. Mary's Parish Groups and served on the Regional Pastoral Council. She died Jan. 4, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, eight months and 19 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, John, Sr. of Panama; and her son, John, Jr., also of Panama; her sister, Mary Helen Soar of Kansas City, MO; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Michael Peters Jan. 6, 2000, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Burial was held in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Joe Fahn, Donald Soar, Bill Fahn, Phil Carey, Herb Wagner and David Soar casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.