

Anna Theresa Mickels, 85

Oct. 14, 1911 - Dec. 21, 1996

PANAMA - Anna Theresa Mickels, daughter of John and Marie Gerlack Reisz, was born Oct. 14, 1911, at Chicago. As a small child, she moved with her parents to a farm in Minnesota for a short time before moving again to a farm near Panama. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic church and has been a long time member of The St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church in Panama.

Nov. 29, 1933, she married John N. Mickels at St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. To this union, eight children were born. They continued to make their home in the Panama area where they were both active in their church and community. He was a mail carrier for 22 years before moving to a farm where they resided until their retirement to Panama in 1977. She has been a member and officer of the Rosary Society, Sewing Circle, Panama Golden Age Club, Panama Community Club, St. Mary's Parish Council and the Advisory Council for the Southwest Eight, Area XIII Agency on Aging. Other activities included the Westside Club, the Church Redecorating Committee and her Bridge Club and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. She died at her home in Panama Dec. 21, 1996, at age 85 years, two months and seven days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Eileen, May 9, 1955; her sister, Theresa, and her brothers, Joe, Frank and Carl. She is survived by her husband, John of Panama; her children, Marilyn (Joe) Fahn of Harlan; Ron Mickels (Carol) of Omaha; Roger Mickels of Lakewood, CO; Norma (Dan) Schafer of Aurora, CO; Ken Mickels (Jan) of Omaha; Denise (Andy) Gross of Des Moines and Nick Mickels (Peggy) of Dunlap; her brothers and sisters, John Reisz, Jr. (Eleanor) of Dunlap; Rev. Adam Reisz of Dunlap (Clarence) Hastert of Co. Bluffs; Catherine Stinn of Panama; Elizabeth (Norbert) Steffen of New Hampton and Walter Reisz (Mary Ellen) of Portsmouth; 20 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 24, 1996, at St. Mary's of The Assumption Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrating and Rev. Ken Gross and Rev. Howard Fitzgerald concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Dan Keene, Nichole Mickels, Erin Keene, Jamie Fahn, Lisa Thomsen, Jeff Mickels, Amy Mickels, Kristi Adams, Kim Mickels, Sarah Gross, Dean Schafer, Adam Gross, Megan Keene, Ann Lesiak and Mike Mickels honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jay Fahn, Jason Mickels, Ron Moran, Mark Mickels, Doug Schafer and Mike Thomsen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.