

Geraldine Mischo, 87 ✓

June 21, 1911 – March 24, 1999

PANAMA - Geraldine Mischo, the twin daughter of William and Rosalia (Oppold) Mischo, was born June 21, 1911, in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Geraldine and Celestine attended St. Mary's Grade and High School, graduating from the High School in 1929. Both Geraldine and her twin sister, Celestine, played the organ at St. Mary's Church and directed the choir for more than 50 years. She also helped at St. Mary's School during the school year of 1929-1930. In August of 1930, she began helping her uncles, Joseph and John Oppold, as a clerk in Oppold Bros. General Merchandise Store at Panama. She also served as the clerk when Alfred Stinn bought the store, and worked there until the summer of 1971. Geraldine and her sister were also the Panama correspondents for the Harlan Tribune for 50 years.



Geraldine and Celestine were honored in 1976 as "Citizens of the Years" by the Panama Community Club. They cared for their mother who died May 31, 1982, at the age of 98 years. Geraldine's sister, Celestine, died March 24, 1993, at age 81 years. Geraldine died March 24, 1999, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, at age 87 years, seven months and nine days. This was exactly six years to the day of Celestine's death.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Celestine Mischo and Helen Wagner. Survivors include three nieces, one nephew, one great nephew, three great nieces and four great great nieces and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 27, 1999, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael J. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Larry Keane, Allen Wagner, Don Batterton, Jayme Arkfeld, Pat Schwery and Ronald Wegner casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.