

Margaret Marie Reinig, 100

Oct. 7, 1899 - March 25, 2000

PANAMA — Margaret Marie Reinig, daughter of John and Mary (Schmitz) Schwery, was born Oct. 7, 1899, on a farm near Westphalia. She was baptized, received her first communion, was confirmed and attended school at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She was the oldest of nine children. All have preceded her in death.

May 30, 1921, she married John C. Reinig, Jr. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they began their married life on a farm south of Panama, where John's parents, John and Agnes Reinig, had homesteaded in 1889. They lived there for 36 years. In 1957, they built a new home on Highway 44 where Margaret lived for 32 years. In 1989, she and her daughter, Irene, moved to Harlan. Six years later, April 18, 1995, Margaret became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Home. She was a former resident of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She also participated in The Rosary Society, sewing circle and American Legion Auxiliary in Panama. Following her move to Harlan, she attended St. Michael's Catholic Church. Having lived to be 100 years old, she experienced life in three centuries. She saw many changes in her lifetime. She died March 25, 2000, at age 100 years, five months and 18 days at Elm Crest Retirement Community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John May 13, 1962; son, Jerome Feb. 13, 1961; her parents, John and Mary Schwery; five brothers, Urban (died in infancy), Leo, Joe, Art and Henry; three sisters, Lucille (died in infancy), Benita Mueller and Lydia Schiltz; and grandson, Paul Muenchrath (in infancy). She is survived by her children, Gerald Reinig (LoAnne) of Harlan; Leonard Reinig (Rosemary) in Harlan; Helen (Kenneth) Mouser of Wellington, KS; Irene Reinig of Woodbine; Dr. Alice Reinig of La Jolla, CA; Clarence Reinig (Jann) of Portsmouth; Edward Reinig (Betty) of Panama and Margie Taylor of Arvada, CO; 28 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Helen Reinig, Elm Crest Retirement Community and Hilda Schwery of Westphalia; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 28, 2000, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Reverend Michael Peters celebrant. Acolytes were great grandchildren, Kristin Mouser, Billy Reinig and granddaughter, Lydia Reinig. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Jim Reinig, Richard Mouser, John Reinig, Bill Reinig, Gary Taylor and Mark Reinig casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

