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Eleanor Schmitz, 92

Feb. 19, 1900 — Feb. 21, 1992

WESTPHALIA — Eleanor Catherine Schmitz, daughter of William and Louise (Horn) Gubbels, was born Feb. 19, 1900, on a farm near Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and attended St. Mary's School.

Aug. 2, 1921, she married Bernard Schmitz at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on the Schmitz family farm near Westphalia for 52 years before retiring in 1972 and moving into Westphalia. After the death of Bernard Oct. 27, 1982, she continued to reside in her own home in Westphalia until Nov. of 1984, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. It was there that she died Feb. 21, 1992, two

days after her 92nd birthday. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia; the Altar Society; and the Rosary Society.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Eugene; a daughter, Luana; four brothers, Leo, Lawrence, Herbert, and Gregory; two sisters, Frances and Armella; two grandchildren: Susie Schmitz and Joseph Hull; one great-granddaughter, Katherine Ann Bissen and a son-in-law, Paul Conkel. Survivors include three sons: Eldred of Westphalia; Lester (Rita) Schmitz of Portsmouth; and LaVern (Mary) Schmitz of Defiance; six daughters: Sr. Bernice of Blair, NE.; Bernadette Conkel of Columbus, NE.; Marceline (Francis) Bissen of Defiance; Luella Hull of Manning; Arlene (Robert) Hodapp of Denver, CO.; and Sr. Lorraine of Co. Bluffs; 36 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Sidonia Gubbels of Atlantic; and Helen Schwery of Omaha, NE.; one brother, Victor Gubbels of Atlantic; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 24, 1992 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Daniel Galas, celebrant. The homily was given by Rev. Edward Kelly and concelebrants were Rev. Paul Monahan, Rev. Dennis Trausch, Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Rev. Eugene Klein, Rev. Jim Cain, Rev. Tony Trasnek, Rev. Mike Irwin, Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte, and Deacon Leo Gaul. Rev. Dennis Trausch conducted the committal service at St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia. Casketbearers were Mike Hull, Jim Schmitz, Dean Bissen, Brent Hodapp, Paul Schmitz, Galen Schmitz, Bobby Schmitz, and Darrell Bissen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.