

Caroline Olga Stessman, 89

June 21, 1905 - Oct. 19, 1994

Panama - Caroline Olga Stessman, daughter of Peter and Mary (Stoll) Willmes was born June 21, 1905 at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended school at Panama and Dunlap.

Nov. 18, 1926 she married Frederick Stessman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They became the parents of ten children. After their marriage, they farmed for 40 years near Panama where she grew up. In 1967, they retired from farming and moved into Panama. After his death Sept. 27, 1983 she continued to make her home in Panama. In March of 1988 she became a resident of Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been her home since that time. She died Oct. 19, 1994 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, three months and 28 days. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, St. Mary's Sewing Circle, the Panama Quilting Club and the Ladies Society. She had also played the organ in church. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1976.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one grandchild, two sisters - Helen and Marcella and an infant brother. She is survived by her children - David (Margie) Stessman of Defiance; Rosemary Mangiameli of Omaha; Charlene (Allan) Twark of Kent, OH; Frederick Stessman, Jr. of Sheboygan, WI; Jeanette (Dr. Richard) Bolamperti of Omaha; Colleen (Larry) Graeve of Sun Prairie, WI; Carolyn (Helen) Nykaza of Indianapolis, IN; Joan (Claudio) Gonzalez of Atlanta, GA; Dennis (Cathy) Stessman and Duane (Jo Ann) Stessman, all of Omaha; 31 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; four sisters - Dorothy Zimmerman of Panama; Sarah (Isadore) Mischo and Cecelia Willmes, both of Des Moines, and Mary Agnes Schaben of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 22, 1994 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Daleke celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Panama with Paul Graeve, Bradley Graeve, James Bolamperti, David Bolamperti, Gary Stessman and Larry Stessman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.