

## Meritta Schwarte, 79

*Dec. 28, 1923 - Nov. 6, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Meritta Madeline Schwarte, daughter of August and Olga (Nollen) Hendricks, was born Dec. 28, 1923, on a farm outside of Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school and later graduated from St. Mary's High School in Panama.

Jan. 21, 1943, Meritta married Isidore Schwarte at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. They then farmed for several years north of Harlan. They moved into Harlan in 1961 where Meritta then went to work at St. Michael's Catholic School as a cook and also worked at the Baptist Memorial Home as an aide and cleaned several houses. Meritta was currently a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She died at Creighton University Medical Center Nov. 6, 2003, in Omaha, NE, at age 79 years, 10 months and nine days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; six brothers, Louis, Laverne, Harold, Donald, Vernon and Ernest Hendricks; and two sisters, Betty McCormick and Helen Goodmanson. Meritta is survived by her husband of nearly 61 years, Isidore Schwarte of Harlan; son, Robert of Huntington Beach, CA; two daughters, Shirley Welker of Harlan and Tami (William) Stinn of Westphalia; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; one sister, Joan (Bob) Mattingly of Boone; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 10, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoefler officiating. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery with Larry Welker, Richard Schwarte, Jim Hendricks, Mike McCormick, Albert Schwarte and Gene Hendricks casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

