

## Irene H. Wilwerding, 90

Aug. 26, 1907 - March 18, 1998

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**PANAMA** - Irene Helen Wilwerding, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Rosman, was born Aug. 26, 1907, at Westphalia. She was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and confirmed in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended St. Peter's Catholic School in Defiance, and as a young woman worked as a hired girl until her marriage.

Sept. 11, 1934, she married Carl Henry Wilwerding at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union 11 children were born. After their marriage, they farmed in the Logan and Woodbine area. In 1967, they retired from farming and moved to their home in Woodbine. After Carl's death in 1987, she continued to make this her home for the next three years before moving to Panama and making it her home. In 1995, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home, later transferring to the Dunlap Care Center in 1996. It was there that she died March 18, 1998, at age 90 years, six months and 20 days. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap, and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Carl, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Maxine Marie in 1947; grandchild, Mark Jablonski, and great grandchild, Daniel Wilwerding; her sisters, Adelaide Schiltz, Edith Assman, Marie Earle, Elizabeth Dressen and Leonetta Kenkel; three brothers, Urban, Roman and John. Survivors include her children, Richard Wilwerding (Shirley) of Portsmouth; Ivo Wilwerding (Darlene) of Westphalia; Phyllis (Roger) Heller of Defiance; Norma (Marvin) Jablonski of Omaha; Jolene (Ed) Blum of Panama; Jane Wilwerding of St. Louis, MO; Judy (John) Thraen of Earling; Duane "Bud" Wilwerding (Sandy) of Omaha; Carol (Don) Eagle of Dallas, TX; Larry Wilwerding (Sharon) of Omaha; 33 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; her sisters, Dorothy Sonderman of Earling; Julia Heller of Harlan; Althea Sweeney of Neola; Myra Klahs of Norfolk, NE, and her sister-in-law, Margaret Rosman of Colorado, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 21, 1998, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Mike Peters celebrant, Rev. Joseph Brown and Rev. Michael Berner concelebrating. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Jeff Theulen, Gerry Thraen, Jim Blum, Don Wilwerding, Gene Wilwerding and Tim Wilwerding casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.