

# Martha C. Schechinger, 86

Martha Cecilia Schechinger, the daughter of Anton and Anna Schaben Schmitz, was born on Jan. 13, 1898, on a farm south of Westphalia. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Martha attended country school, and grew to adulthood on her parents farm.

On Jan. 19, 1920, she married Valentine A. Schechinger at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on the same farm that he grew up on in Lincoln twp., Shelby co. They farmed there for the next 43 years until in 1963, they retired and moved into Harlan.

On July 15, 1981, he died, and since his death, Mrs Schechinger has continued to make her home in Harlan with her daughter Jeanette Chipman and recently became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan and also a past member of both the St. Boniface Alter and Rosary Societies in Westphalia, and a past member of the Catholic Daughters of America and of St. Katherine's Court No. 266 of Earling. She was also a member of St. Ann's Guild. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on July 20, 1984 at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 7 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, Martha was preceded in death by one daughter Ella Nielsen; one son Anthony; one grandson Gerald Valentine; one great granddaughter Carrie Renae Coenen; three sisters Mary, Celia and Lorette and four brothers John, Adolph, Bernard and Leo. She is survived by three daughters Marie Ann (Mrs Irmin) Reding of Manilla, Evelyn (Mrs Mel) Coenen of Bayard and Jeanette (Mrs Raymond) Chipman of Harlan; three sons Valentine Jr. of Harlan and both Melvin and Ellsworth of Manilla; 35 grandchildren; 50 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan on Monday, July 23, 1984 with the Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant and the Rev. Robert Fangman as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery at Westphalia with Mark Schechinger, Marvin Reding, James Chipman, Gailain Coenen, Daniel Schechinger and Douglas Schechinger all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.