

✓ **Laurina M. Blum, 89**

Sept. 4, 1910 – Oct. 5, 1999

WESTPHALIA – Laurina Magdalene Blum was born Sept. 4, 1910, at Marshfield, WI, to Mary (Michalski) and Nicholas Britten. She was baptized at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Marshfield, WI, and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. Laurina attended school in the Tennant area and also St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth.

She married William Joseph Blum Jan. 26, 1932, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Fourteen children were born to this union. Laurina and William were privileged to have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in January of 1988. Prior to her marriage, she worked for an Omaha monument company. During her married life, she farmed with her husband residing in the Westphalia area. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She died Oct. 5, 1999, at Elm Crest Retirement Center one month and one day after her 89th birthday.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William, Nov. 27, 1988; a son, Francis; four grandchildren, April Blum, Steve Sandbothe and Larry and Jerry Newland; three sisters, Lucille, Stella and Ruth; and one brother, Norbert. Survivors include seven sons, Kenneth Blum (Doris) of Walnut; Jerome "Jerry" Blum (Jean) of St. Paul, MN; Bernard Blum (Glenda) of Ocean City, OR; Marcus Blum (Janet) of Fischer, TX; Ralph Blum (Patti) of Harlan; Eugene Blum (Jackie) of Westphalia; Michael Blum (Vicky) of Co. Bluffs; six daughters, Mary Ann (Vernon) Sandbothe of Atlantic; Margaret (Robert) Halferty of Vancouver, WA; Agnes (Jim) Starr of Milwaukee, WI; Monica (Lanny) Newland of Persia; Linda (John) White of Co. Bluffs; Theresa Miller of Colorado Springs, CO; 46 grandchildren; 71 great grandchildren; one brother, Leo Britten of Omaha; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Oct. 8, 1999, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant, Rev. Michael Peters and Rev. Fred Reischl concelebrants and Rev. Benedict Kenkel the homilist. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Agnes Starr, Margaret Halferty, Linda White, Monica Newland, Francis Blum, Theresa Miller and Mary Ann Sandbothe honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Ralph Blum, Kenneth Blum, Eugene Blum, Bernard Blum, Jerome Blum, Michael Blum and Marcus Blum. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.