

Rosemary Greiner, 80 ✓

Oct. 14, 1933 - Oct. 19, 2013

PANAMA — Rosie, as almost every one called her, the daughter of Anton and Alexia Hoffman Schwery was born on a farm near Panama on October 14, 1933. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church and grew to adulthood in the Panama area. She attended St. Mary's School, graduating with the high school class of 1951. As a teen she spent many hours helping Bertha Schwery cook and clean for Monsignor Schiltz and getting the linens ready for church.

January 18, 1955 she was united in marriage to Ed Greiner at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Eight children were born to this union; Tim, Joann, Theresa, Mary Kay, Delores (DeeDee), Jean, Gerard "Gerry" and Donald. After their marriage, Rosie took a turn leading the Ladies' group for several years, preparing for weddings, funerals



and cleaning the church. She taught Religious Education to the middle school while her children were enrolled. She was a 4-H leader of the Panama Peppy Pals. As a member of the liturgy group for over twenty five years, Rosie helped with First Communion, May Crowning and other liturgical activities. Rosie was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Katherines Court No. 266 of Earling and the American Legion Auxiliary group for 58 years. She organized events for the auxiliary, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day Masses, arranged for donations for the veterans and held many offices within these groups. Rosie was the Red Cross blood drive coordinator for many years and later continued to serve as a volunteer. Most recently she was a member of the Sewing Circle for their weekly meetings. She was a kind, caring individual and was always willing to help. She raised 7 children to adulthood and has passed on her many talents to them. As a proud Grandma RoRo of 18 grandchildren and great grandma to 3, she was very involved in their lives and said goodbye with the phrase "Friends Forever". Her enthusiasm for them would light up a room. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, traveling to see children, flower gardening, having tea parties with the grandchildren, playing cards, dancing, reading, following girls sports and watching Hallmark movies. She died at her home in Panama on October 19, 2013 having attained the age of 80 years and five days.

In addition to her parents, Rosie was preceded in death by her son Gerry and two brothers Michael and Joseph. Survivors include her husband, Ed, of Panama, her children, Timothy Greiner and his wife Janet of Council Bluffs, Joan Noble and her husband Jim Noble of Apopka, FL, Theresa and her husband Kurt Wieneke of Indianapolis, IN, Mary Kay and her husband Scott Jorgensen of Grand Prairie, TX, Delores "DeeDee" and her husband Steve Leinen of Panama, Jean James of West Des Moines, and Donald "Don" and his wife Kim Greiner of Cedar Rapids; eighteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, her brothers George Schwery and his wife Maxine and Ralph Schwery, both of Panama, sisters-in-law Lu Schwery of Harlan, and Donna Schwery of Panama, other relatives and many friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Music was provided by Jodie Wingert and the St. Mary's Choir. Honorary casket bearers were Heidi

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Stewart, Jamie Pennington, Ashley Nihsen, Danielle Greiner, Stephany Hartley, Amber Leinen, Alli Leinen, Erica James, Jacqueline Wieneke, Katie Greiner, and Emily Greiner. Serving as casket bearers were Dusty Noble, Matt Jorgensen, Adam Leinen, Jared Greiner, Grayson Wieneke, Brandon James, and Sam Greiner. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery.