

Mathilda "Tillie" C. Keane, 94

June 16, 1907 - March 25, 2002

PANAMA – Mathilda "Tillie" Catherine Keane was born to Katherine (Mickels) and George Maiwald on her parent's farm five miles northwest of Panama, June 16, 1907. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

Oct. 25, 1927, Tillie married Thomas J. Keane at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. To this union five children were born. Following their wedding, they farmed west of Panama in Shelby County. In 1941, they purchased the farm now occupied by their son, Eldred and his family. The couple moved into Panama in 1959. She prepared school lunches at St. Mary's School from 1961 to 1971. She then moved to an apartment for Seniors in Panama. In November 1999, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center where she resided until her death. She was an active member of the St. Mary's Rosary Society serving as vice-president for a term and was in charge of floral arrangements for three years. In addition, she was a member of the Legion Auxiliary. She died March 25, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 94 years, nine months and nine days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Keane, Dec. 24, 1963; one son, Richard Lee Keane; three granddaughters, Jayne Marie Goetz, Mary Lou Keane and Beverly Larabee; brothers, Joseph and Matthew Maiwald, and sisters, Gertrude Coenen, Mary Maiwald, Agnes Schwery and Ann Maiwald. She is survived by her children, Jean (Michael) Schomer of Des Moines; Julie Goetz of Panama; Eldred "Mickey" Keane (Marilyn) of Panama and Donald Keane of Panama; 38 grandchildren; 72 great grandchildren; six great, great grandchildren and six step great, great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 27, 2002, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with the Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Panama, with John Goetz, Gary Schomer, Roger Goetz, Dave Keane, Don Schomer, Jerry Keane, Joe Keane and Jim Keane casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

