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Mary Theisen, 99

PANAMA - Mary Theisen, daughter of John and Gertrude (Mischo) Theisen was born near Panama on March 25, 1889. She was baptized received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended school in Panama, graduating with the class of 1906. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and then returned to the Panama area where she taught school for 29 years. She was also employed at the Panama Bank for a number of years. In 1973, she was honored as "Citizen of the Years" at the Panama Community Club's 5th annual awards banquet.

On May 12, 1983, she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling and this has been her home since that time. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on May 1, 1988 at age 99 years, one month and six days. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John and a sister, Barbara. She is survived by her nieces, Gertrude Kelly, Woodbine and LaVerna Banks, Colorado Springs, CO; her nephews, Gene and John Theisen of Hugo, CO; a number of grand nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 4, 1988 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama with her grand nephew Rev. Bob Schoemann of Des Moines as celebrant.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Steve Schoemann, Greg Schoemann, Dave Schoemann, Dan Pauley, Pat Kelly and Wayne Kelly serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.