

Emmarita Freund, 86

Aug. 4, 1917 - July 26, 2004

PANAMA – Emmarita Freund, daughter of Theodore and Mary Foxhoven Schwery, was born Aug. 4, 1917, at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School and was a member of the graduating class of 1935. Following graduation, she attended beauty school in Council Bluffs. She was a hairdresser until marriage.

June 30, 1948, Emmarita married Bernard "Ben" Freund at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They became the parents of one daughter, Mary Jo. After their marriage, they resided on the original Freund farm near Defiance. In 1995, they moved to Panama. Ben died Oct. 26, 1995. Emmarita became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling and later Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She died July 26, 2004, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 86 years, 11 months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Emmarita was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Isadore, John, William, Katie Dresel, Anton, Louis, Lawrence, Agnes Winters, Alice Schwery and Bertha Schwery. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jo (Duane) Buckley of Missouri Valley; two grandsons, Bradley Buckley of Omaha, NE and Bryan Buckley (Kathy) of Logan; three great-grandchildren, Michael, Bryanna and Levi; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 28, 2004, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. John Dorton celebrating. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Jim Schwery, George Schwery, Don Schwery, Mike Freund, Bill Schwery and Adam Leinen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

