

Cornelia Leuschen, 87

July 25, 1913 - March 11, 2001

PANAMA – Cornelia Mary Leuschen, daughter of Anton and Mary (Wingert) Hoffmann, was born July 25, 1913, near Panama. She was baptized and confirmed and attended school at St. Mary's in Panama.

She married Walter N. Leuschen June 15, 1939, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Two sons were born to this union, Jim and Gene. Cornelia and Walter were livestock and grain farmers for 40 years before retiring to Panama in June of 1979. They were lifelong residents of the Panama community and St. Mary's Catholic Church. They were also members of St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir for 25 years. She was also a member of the St. Mary's Sewing Circle. She belonged to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. They were members of the Senior Citizen Golden Age Club and served in the posts of president and vice-president. Cornelia was an officer in the Rosary Society for two years, and served as president for the Home and School Association for two years. She died March 11, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, seven months and 14 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, Nov. 2, 1997, and her son, Jim Feb. 10, 1998. Survivors include her son, Gene Leuschen (Pat) of Panama; daughter-in-law, Pat Leuschen of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 15, 2001, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Panama, with Robert Leuschen, Joe Leuschen, George Leuschen, Paul Leuschen, Rick Thompson and James Leuschen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

