

John Leuschen, Sr., 89 ✓

Feb. 15, 1917 - Aug. 19, 2006

PANAMA — John Nicholas Leuschen, Sr., son of Nicholas C. and Elizabeth (Thielen) Leuschen, was born at Panama Feb. 15, 1917. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama. After school, John farmed with his father on the family farm east of Panama.

June 19, 1941, John married Margaret Carey at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. To this union, one son, John, Jr., was born. In 1942, John and Margaret purchased a farm west of Panama. They made this their home until their retirement in 1974, when he and Margaret then made their home in Panama. He served as a member of the Shelby County F.H.A. Committee from 1955 to 1957, and also served as director of the Panama Grain and Mercantile Company and the Panama Telephone Company. He was also a director for the Washington Township Number 8 rural school. After retirement, John remained active in farming as well as with St. Mary's Catholic Church where he and Margaret were lifetime members. Margaret died Jan. 4, 2000, and after her death, John continued to make his home in Panama until June of 2006, when he moved to Earling and became a resident of Little Flower Haven. This is where he died Aug. 19, 2006, at age 89 years, six months and four days.

In addition to his wife and parents, John was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Hilda Fahn, Henrietta Schilz, Marie Coenen, Helen Bieker, Urban Leuschen, Donald Leuschen, Rita Leuschen and Nicholas Leuschen, Jr. He is survived by his son, John Leuschen, Jr., of Panama, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Rev. John Dorton Aug. 21, 2006, at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery with Bill Fahn, George Leuschen, David Soar, Dan Bieker, Herb Wagner and Allen Kenkel casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

