

## Theresa Frances Schafer, 93

**PANAMA** — Theresa Frances Schafer, daughter of Joseph and Mary Wyland Behrendt was born March 24, 1894 in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama, where she has obtained a lifetime membership.

She attended country school, growing to adulthood on her parents farm. After school she worked in the Panama Hotel and Zimmerman's Store until she married Nicholas Schafer on Aug. 28, 1915 at St. Mary's church in Panama. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage they made their home in Panama where Nick was the manager of the Farmer's Grain Elevator for many years. She continued to make her home in Panama after Nick's death on March 10, 1952. She became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in 1976, where she died June 12, 1987 at age 93 years, 2 months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Regina, Rosalie, Elizabeth, Mary and Anna; and two brothers, John and Joseph Jr. She is survived by her children, Nicholas of Omaha; Verna A. Stinn of Earling; Gerald R. of Panama and Daniel R. of Aurora, CO; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Concelebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama on June 15, 1987 with the Rev. Eugene Klein as Concelebrant and Rev. Bud Grant as the Celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Robert Schafer, Nick Schafer Jr., Doug Schafer, Dean Schafer, Tom Schafer and Randy Schafer all serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home handled the arrangements.