



## Sophia Schoemann, 87

**PORTSMOUTH** - Sophia Catherine Schoemann, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Clemens) Blum, Sr., was born Dec. 6, 1902, at Westphalia. She died Dec. 10, 1989 at Myrtle Memorial Hospital in Harlan, just four days after her 87th birthday.

She was baptized in the Catholic Faith as an infant, and attended school in Panama. On Sept. 27, 1926, she married Chris Schoemann at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth in Harrison county until 1965, when they moved into Portsmouth. After the death of Chris on Jan. 28, 1987, she continued to make her home in Portsmouth. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, St. Mary's Rosary Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Tony Schoemann; and three great-grandchildren, Tony, Jr. and Dawn Bell and Allison Kreher; five brothers, Mike, Joe, Ben, Pete and John Blum; and six sisters, Catherine, Anna, Sr. Margaret, Sr. Antilia, Lena and Marie. Surviving her are three sons, Gene and John of Portsmouth; and Rev. Robert Schoemann of Des Moines; five daughters, Sr. Elaine Schoemann, F.S.P.A. of Portsmouth; Grace (Mrs Andrew) Pauley of Panama; Sr. Mary Schoemann, F.S.P.A. of El Paso, TX.; Sr. Josephine Schoemann F.S.P.A. of Carroll; and Cecelia (Mrs Vic) Langer of Arvada,

CO.; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Clara Lefeber of Earling; a brother, Chris Blum and two sister-in-laws, Nora Blum of Panama; and Gertrude Kelly of Woodbine; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 14, 1989 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Robert Schoemann as the celebrant. Concelebrating priests were Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Priests from the Des Moines Diocese and from the Sioux City, Diocese. Eucharistic ministers were Fr. Paul Monahan, Sr. Josephine Schoemann, Sr. Mary Schoemann, Beverly Kohles and Deacon Pat Davitt. The final commendation was given by Msgr. Lawrence Beeson. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Dan Pauley, Doug Pauley, Greg Langer, Guyle Sonderman, Steve Schoemann and Randy Freeman as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge.