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Josephine Schomer, 98

PANAMA – Josephine Schomer, daughter of John and Magdelina (Stolz) Thielen was born Sept. 15, 1891 at Westphalia. She died Aug. 17, 1990 at Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, at age 98 years, 11 months and two days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended country school in Westphalia through the 6th grade. She then continued to live and work at home until she was 18 years old.

Jan. 18, 1910, she married Peter M. Schomer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Six children were born to this union. After they were married, they lived in Panama. After Mr. Schomer died June 14, 1947, she continued to live in Panama.

Sept. 11, 1989, she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. She lived there until she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Feb. 8, 1990. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Robert, and one daughter, Mildred; one son-in-law, Matt Reinig; one grandson, Richard Lee Crouch Jr.; three sisters, Barbara, Elizabeth and Frances; two brothers, John and Louis; two half sisters, Clara and Mary and two half-brothers, Charles and Joe. She is survived by two daughters, Cornelia Reinig of Panama, and Jean Schechinger (Nick) of Portsmouth; two sons, Ralph (Betty) Schomer of Arvada, CO., and Michael (Jean) Schomer of Des Moines; 21 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 20, 1990 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Chuck Kottas as the celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi as the Homilist. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Don Schomer, Jim Schomer, Gary Schomer, Craig Schomer, Bernard Swenson, and Jack Schechinger serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.