

Mary Schomer, 93

WESTPHALIA - Mary Schomer, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Feifold) Petsche, was born in Austria, Hungary on Sept. 25, 1894. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan on July 5, 1988 at age 93 years, nine months and 10 days. She was baptized in Austria and at the age of five years, came to the U.S. with her family and settled in Shelby county north of Harlan. She attended school in Harlan.

On May 25, 1915, she married Jacob Schomer in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on land homesteaded by Mr Schomer's father and lived there all their married life. After the death of Jacob on July 28, 1974, she continued to live on the farm until June of 1988, when she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and St. Boniface Altar Society.

Preceding her in death in addition to her parents and husband was a brother, Joseph Petsche; a son, Ralph Schomer and a grandson, Mike Kaufmann. She is survived by a son, Joseph of Harlan; two daughters, Leona (Mrs Lawrence "Pat") Kaufmann, Harlan and Loretta (Mrs Curtis) Wilson of Omaha, NE; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated on July 7, 1988 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Westphalia with Rev. La Verne Wingert as the celebrant. Concelebrating priests were Rev. Bud Grant, Rev. David Polich and Msgr. Michael Schwarte. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Steve Schomer, Joseph Schomer, Robert Wilson, Dan Kaufmann, Leland Kaufmann and Leonard Kaufmann serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.