

Mathilda "Til" Mary Schmitz, 90

Jan. 17, 1910 - Aug. 25, 2000

WESTPHALIA - Mathilda "Til" Mary (Mumm) Schmitz was born Jan. 17, 1910, on a farm near Geddes, SD, the oldest of eight children born to Jacob B. and Margaret (Gau) Mumm. She attended a country school for her first three years of schooling. Then, she attended St. Ann's School in Geddes, where she graduated from high school. After taking a business course during her senior year, she worked in the office at St. Ann's Indian Mission in Marty, SD.

Nov. 26, 1935, she married Alvin W. Schmitz. Three children were born: Margaret Ann (Bill Loebig, Jr.) of St. Charles, IL; Maxine Frances "Fran" (Neil Shaver) of Council Bluffs and John Jacob (Millie) of Kingman, AZ. She was 4-H leader in Westphalia, for 15 years; postal clerk and substitute postmaster, life member of Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Senior Citizen Advocate in legislation on the state level; Red Cross emergency facilitator; member of St. Boniface Altar and Rosary Society; sewing circle and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266. She and Alvin were married 61 years before his death Sept. 9, 1996. She was a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, for the past four years. She died Aug. 25, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, seven months and eight days.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Agnes; and her brothers, Fred and Greg. She is survived by her three children; 15 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; her three sisters, Dorothy Cronin of Phoenix, AZ; Bernice McCormick of Salem, SD and Elfrieda (Otto Tronvold) of Geddes, SD; her brother, Ralph Mumm (Vonnice) of Geddes, SD; her sisters-in-law, Valeria Ann Wilke of Omaha, NE and Helen Schmitz of Harlan; her brother-in-law, William Christian Schwarte, Jr. of Panama; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 28, 2000, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Michael Peters celebrating and Revs. Howard Fitzgerald and Paul Bianchi concelebrants. Burial was in the St. Boniface Cemetery with Sylvia Goeser, Madeline Schomer, Joan Schneider, Hilda Schwery, Adeline Altman, Doris Schneider, Leona Kaufman, Eileen Schmitz and Verena Schomers honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Rob Wise, Blaise Loebig, Joe Shaver, Tom Schmitz, Dan Shaver and Robert Schmitz. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

