

Arlene Schwery, 75

Aug. 10, 1931 - May 26, 2007

WESTPHALIA – Arlene Alma Schwery, daughter of Michael and Annabel (Weihs) Schechinger, was born Aug. 10, 1931 in Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended grade school and graduated from high school at St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia. Arlene was one of nine children and grew up outside of Westphalia. Because of her father's death when she was twelve, she helped manage the farming responsibilities.



Sept. 14, 1950, Arlene married Elmer John Schwery at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union: Charlene, Lynn, Tim, Cheryl, Kelly, and Christi. From the mid 1960's to 1970's, Arlene managed the hardware store in Westphalia. During this time she began selling carpet. She then began selling carpet from her home until 2002 when she retired. She was an active member of the Rosary Society and a life-long member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Governor's advisory committee. She died May 26, 2007, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age seventy-five years, nine months, and sixteen days.

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Charlene Schmidt; three brothers: Elmer, Jim, and Jerry; and one sister, Alice Schomers. She is survived by her husband, Elmer Schwery of Westphalia; her children: Lynn (Ardie) Schwery of Ames, Tim (Cheryl) Schwery of Underwood, Cheryl Ronfeldt of Neola, Kelly (Sandi) Schwery of Westphalia, and Christi (Chuck) Leinen of Omaha, NE; seventeen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters: Agnes Wehr of Westphalia; Mike Schechinger, (Mary) of Westphalia; Jane Ragsdale of Hiram, GA and Joyce (Stan) Ulmer of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 29, 2007, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. John Dorton officiating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery with Jeff Schmidt, Tom Schechinger, Dan Schwery, Galen Pauley, Ken Schechinger, and Dave Schomers casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.