

Hilda B. Schwery, 89

Oct. 17, 1912 - June 11, 2002

WESTPHALIA – Hilda Barbara Schwery was born to Mary (Bock) and Ed Brinker Oct. 17, 1912, on a farm near Panama. She was baptized at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. During the next year, Hilda and her family moved to a farm north and east of Westphalia. She received her first communion and was later confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, where she remained a lifelong member. She attended St. Boniface Catholic School where she was a member of the graduating class of 1931.

June 4, 1935, she married Arthur Schwery at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Six children were born to this union. They farmed northeast of Westphalia until Nov. 7, 1972, when they moved to the community of Westphalia. She continued to reside in Westphalia after Arthur's death until becoming a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, in October 2001. Hilda was a member of the St. Boniface Lady's Rosary Society and the Sewing Circle. Other interests included her literary accomplishments, writing poetry and has had some of her works published. She died June 11, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, seven months and 25 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Schwery, Dec. 31, 1973; one brother, Norbert Brinker, and sisters, Gertrude and Marie Brinker. She is survived by her children, Allen Schwery (Shirley) of Osborn, MO; John Schwery (Mary Lynn) of Estes Park, CO; LeRoy Schwery (Barbara) of Lathrop, MO; Marietta (Paul) Blum of Omaha, NE; Verdella Inskip of Liberty, MO and Sylvan Schwery (Charlotte) of Woodland Park, CO; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Cornelia Brinker and Clara Brinker of Omaha, NE; Edward Brinker (Cleta) of Harlan; Joe Brinker (Ruth) of Springdale, AR and Dolores Blubaugh of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 15, 2002, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with the Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery with Mark Schwery, Cameron Schwery, Mike Blum, Kevin Schwery, Clayton Brinker and Jeff Inskip casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

