

Robert Schwery, 71

Aug. 14, 1940 - Oct. 26, 2011

Marcella Schwery, 68

Jan. 3, 1943 - Oct. 26, 2011

PANAMA — Robert "Bob" Anthony Schwery was born on August 14, 1940 to Lawrence and Agnes (Maiwald) Schwery on the family farm three miles west of Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Bob graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School.



Marcella "Sally" Ann Schwery was born on January 3, 1943 to Rita Dresen on January 3, 1943 in Dunlap. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School with the Class of 1961.

October 17, 1961, Bob and Sally were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Four boys were born to this union: Douglas, Randy, Dale, and Bradley. The family lived on a farm five miles west of Panama where Bob began his farming career. He worked at the pork plant in Harlan as well as drove trucks for Clark Ready Mix, Panama Transfer, and Joe Bock Trucking. Sally was a homemaker, raising the children and helping Bob around the farm when she could. She worked as a nurses aide and a Home Health aide for a short time before owning and operating the Highway Café in Earling during the early 80's. She also worked at The Evergreen Inn in Harlan and as a cook at Nub's Pub in Panama and the Westphalia Club House. After his retirement in 1998, Bob loved to keep busy in his hobby shop at the house. He could be found making three-wheel bikes and iron sculptures out of old farm machinery. Once Sally retired, she enjoyed quilting and spoiling her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and husband. The couple spent their winters in Texas but were always ready to come home to their family. Bob and Sally died on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 as the result of an automobile accident south of Harlan. Bob had attained the age of seventy-one years, two months, and twelve days. Sally had attained the age of sixty-eight years, nine months, and twenty-three days.

The couple were preceded in death by their parents: Agnes and Lawrence Schwery and Rita Dresen, and Bob's sister Monica Kenkel. They are survived by their children: Doug Schwery and his wife Tresa of Panama, Randy "Brick" Schwery and his wife Pam of Earling, Dale Schwery of Panama, and Bradley Schwery and his wife Melissa of Portsmouth; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; Bob's brothers Donnie Schwery and his wife Roseanne of Des

Moines and Duane "Dewey" Schwery and his wife Kathy of Plattsmouth, NE; sister Elaine and her husband Ralph Tremel of Panama; brother-in-law Leo Kenkel of Woodbine; other family members and many friends.

Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Music was provided by Bob Mages, Jodie Wingert, and Tyler Gubbels. Honorary casket bearers were Laura Schwery, Samantha Cunningham, Georgina Schwery, Morgan Schwery, Brandon Schwery, Brian Earlywine, Christina Ratigan, Xander Cunningham, and Cade Cunningham. Serving as casket bearers were Jaime Schwery, Justin Schwery, Ryan Schwery, Calvin Schwery, Cody Schwery, West Cunningham, Ron Kenkel, Phil Kenkel, Curt Tremel, Sid Stolz, Roger Dresen, and Kevin Dresen. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.

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