

Mary Helen Wagner, 71

PANAMA – Mary Helen Wagner, daughter of William and Rose (Oppok) Mischo was born May 23, 1918 at Panama. She died Oct. 14, 1989 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines at age 71 years. She was baptized, received her First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Church in Panama. She attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Panama in 1936. She was employed several years in Des Moines.

On May 1, 1947, she married Weslie Wagner at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage they continued to reside in Des Moines. She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Des Moines, the Altar and Rosary Society, Bishop Drumm Guild, Catholic Women's League and the 50 Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one grandchild. She is survived by one son, Allen Wagner of Des Moines; three daughters, Rose Marie Wagner, Mary Ellen Wagner and Donna Gentry all of Des Moines; four grandchildren; two sisters, twins, Celestine and Geraldine Mischo of Panama; many relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Theresa Church, Oct. 17, 1989 with Rev. Eugene Koch as celebrant. Burial was in Glendale cemetery, Des Moines with Tom Bierman, Flory Leo, Vern Hansen, Bob Muenchrath, Woodrow Tighe and Leslie Wagner as casketbearers. Westover Funeral Home of Des Moines in charge of arrangements.