

Virginia M. Wingert, 69

Oct. 30, 1930 - June 26, 2000

PANAMA - Virginia Marie Wingert, daughter of Martin "Chris" Sr. and Eleanora (Pauley) Blum, was born Oct. 30, 1930, at her parents' home in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama, and was a member of the graduating class of 1948. After graduation, she worked in private homes in the Panama area. She was also employed in the office at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, for three and a half years before her marriage.



May 4, 1953, she married Louis Wingert at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Seven children were born to this union, Michael, Mary, Sandra, Charles, June, Paul and Jolene. After their marriage, she and her husband farmed west of Panama. In June 1999, they moved to their new home in Panama which she designed and decorated. She was a member of the Parish Council and the Community Club, where she served as secretary for several years. She was the 1979 recipient of the Panama Citizen of the Year Award. She was also an officer of the former Rosary Society, which is now known as the Parish Groups. She served on St. Mary's Regional School Board and served as the president in 1984. She was also a member of the Myrtue Memorial Auxiliary and served on the Auxiliary Board, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Shelby County Bank Commanders Club. She died June 26, 2000, at her home in Panama, at age 69 years, seven months and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles, and her sister, Mary. She is survived by her husband, Louis Wingert of Panama; her children, Michael "Mike" Wingert (Susan) of Panama; Mary (Jamie) Fahn of Portsmouth; Sandra (Kirk) Rose of Onawa; June (Christopher) McAdams of Jacksonville, FL; Paul Wingert (Kristina) of Panama; Jolene (Sergio) Nolte of Sioux City, IA; and 13 grandchildren, Stephanie and Tiffanie Wingert; Megan and Ryan Fahn; Mark, Derek, Jack and Allyson Rose, Steven, Aaron and Nathaniel McAdams; Gabrielle and Jacob Wingert; Selena and Leticia Nolte; her brothers and sisters, Vernon Blum of Harlan; Chris Blum, Jr. (Pat) of Portsmouth; Charles Blum of Panama; Sister Joyce Blum, F.S.P.A. of Tucson, AZ; Emil Blum of Omaha, NE; Alice (Jerry) Zimmerman of Minden; Jean (Leroy) Heese of Defiance; Judy (Fred) Clark of Omaha, NE; Audrey (Dennis) Smith of Plattsmouth, NE and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 29, 2000, at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Panama, with Rev. Leonard Kenkel celebrant and Rev. Michael Peters homilist. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Kirk Rose, Christopher McAdams, Jamie Fahn, Paul Wingert, Michael Wingert and Sergio Nolte casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.