

## Marie Blum, 90

Aug. 1, 1919 - Aug. 2, 2009

**HARLAN** — Marie Ann Blum was born on August 1, 1919, to Henry and Martha (Reinig) Wingert on a farm near Panama. She was baptized, received First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. She attended Washington Township No. 1 Country School and St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama. Due to the untimely death of her mother when Marie was ten years old, she was unable to attend school after finishing the eighth grade. At that time she took over the household duties and the care of her family, especially her father who was suffering from cancer. This was no easy task at that time because they had no electricity or running water.



April 10, 1939, Marie was united in marriage to Herbert Blum at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Three children were born to this union: Les, Keith, and Kathy. After their wedding, Marie and Herb farmed near Westphalia, where they also ran a dairy farm for many years. They retired from farming in 1978. Marie and Herb spent twenty-eight winters in Arizona where they enjoyed mountain climbing and swimming. Marie also enjoyed reading romance novels and her prayerbooks, gardening, embroidering, crocheting and baking with and for her grandchildren. Marie died on Sunday, August 2, 2009, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety years and one day.

Marie is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Leo and Ray and her sister Agnes Rosman. She is survived by her husband Herb Blum of Harlan; their children: Les Blum and his wife Janet of Harlan; Keith Blum and his wife Kathy of Waterloo; Kathy and her husband Tom Mayer of Appletown, WI; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; her brother Tony Wingert and his wife Rose of Avoca; sisters-in-law Carmela Grap of Portsmouth; Antilia Wingert of Harlan; Bernice Rauterkus of Clear Lake, WI; and Mildred Blum of Cecil, WI; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Rev. John Dorton and Rev. Bob Hoefler concelebrated the 10:00 AM service with interment at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia. Serving as casket bearers were: Todd Blum, Trent Tompkins, Brad Blum, Neil Wingert, Wayne Wingert, Rod [unclear] and Jeff Steenbeck.

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