

Agnes M. Chamberlain, 84

Dec. 25, 1913 - June 6, 1998 ✓

PANAMA - Agnes Magdalen Chamberlain, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jacoby) Petsche, was born Dec. 25, 1913, on a farm near Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church and attended school at St. Boniface. Agnes was salutatorian of her class in 1932. She grew to adulthood at Westphalia.

She married Irvin Chamberlain Sept. 30, 1937, at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia. Nine children were born to this union. They farmed for 30 years, three and a half miles southwest of Panama. In 1949, they bought a 120 acre farm southeast of Dunlap and rented it out. They bought a home in Panama in 1968. In 1973, they sold their Dunlap farm and retired. Irvin died April 30, 1983.

After Irvin's death, she continued to live at Panama. She was an active member in St. Mary's Parish and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. She died June 6, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years, five months and 12 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, George, Tony, Leo, Frank, John and Mike. Survivors include her children, Msgr. Robert Chamberlain of Des Moines; Betty Lord of Decorah; Grace (Gary) Gaul of Earling; Al (Paula) Chamberlain of Omaha; Alice Chamberlain of Omaha; Ron Chamberlain of Panama; Jane (David) Olsasky of Des Moines; Duane (Kathy) Chamberlain of Omaha; Diane (David) Kleffman of Ft. Worth, TX; 15 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; her sisters and brother, Estella Boettger of Harlan; Lawrence (Helen) Petsche of Harlan; Cecelia Schwery of Vail, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 9, 1998, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Robert Chamberlain Presider. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Mark Schwery, Allan Petsche, Neil Petsche, Bud Chamberlain, George Petsche and Jerry Chamberlain casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

