

Viola M. Leinen, 90

Jan. 31, 1909 - Aug. 16, 1999

PORTSMOUTH-Viola Marie Leinen, daughter of Melchoir and Theresa (Klein) Schwery, was born Jan. 31, 1909, on a farm between Panama and Harlan, one of 12 children. She attended country school in Panama.

Feb. 4, 1931, she married Zeno Leinen at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Panama. Nine children were born to this union. The couple began their married life on a farm in the Portsmouth/Panama area. In 1940, they moved to the Peter M. Leinen homestead and continued to live there until 1977, when they retired and moved into Portsmouth. In her later years, she was a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Center in Harlan, where she resided until her death. She was a 4-H leader, president of the Golden Pioneers of Portsmouth and active in Catholic Daughter's of America and the Rosary Society. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Aug. 16, 1999, at age 90 years, six months and 16 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Zeno; her daughter, Linda Daoust; and her sons-in-law, Ralph Blum and Mike Bruck; her grandchildren, Lorianne and Francis Bruck; her brothers, Alfred and LaVerne; and her sister, Verena Maiwald. Survivors include her daughters, Ursula Bruck of Portsmouth; Eunice Blum of Panama; Verlee Leinen of Anchorage, AK; Mildred (Jerry) Brus of Denison; Zita (Gaylen) Smith of Portsmouth; her sons, Jim Leinen (Dorothy) of Denison; Orville Leinen (Kathleen) of Panama; and Harvey Leinen (Charlotte) of Harlan; 32 grandchildren; 55 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; her son-in-law, Mark Daoust of Atlantic; her brother, Melvin Schwery (Verelda) of Panama; her sisters, Margaret Coenen of Westphalia; Magdalena Hodapp of Co. Bluffs; Zita Engel of Westphalia; Nonna Adams of Santa Cruz, CA; Theresa Wellman of Neola; Mildred Leuschen of Portsmouth; Cleopha Nelsen (Newmark) of Mercer Island, WA; sisters-in-law, Clara Petersen of Harlan; Margaret Mester of Los Angeles, CA and Modesta Green of Spencer; Romana Schwery of Manilla; Cecilia Schwery of Denison and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 20, 1999, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Mark Daoust, Charlotte Leinen, Jerry Brus, Dorothy Leinen, Kathleen Leinen and Gaylen Smith honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jeff Bruck, Roger Leinen, David Smith, Jerry Brus, Jr., Roger Blum, Scott Leinen, Jeff Leinen and Brian Daoust. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

