

Alma Petsche, 93

Sept. 29, 1911 - Jan. 29, 2005

HARLAN — Alma Catherine Weihs Petsche, daughter of Frank and Kunnigunda Engel Weihs, was born Sept. 29, 1911, on a farm near Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and she attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

Oct. 4, 1937, Alma married John J. Petsche at St. Mary's Church in Panama. After their marriage, they farmed in the Westphalia, Dunlap, Irwin and Portsmouth areas. In 1980, they retired from farming to a new home in Harlan. John died May 29, 1997. Alma remained in their home until Oct. 1, 2001, when she then became a resident of the Elm Crest Memorial Home. It was there that she died Jan. 29, 2005, at age ninety-three years and four months.

In addition to her parents and husband, Alma was preceded in death by two sisters; Annabelle Schechinger and Marie Musich as well as five brothers: Clarence, Lawrence, Florence "Sonny", Franklin and Alfred. She is survived by two sisters, Viola Musich of Harlan and Helen (Lavern) Musich of Westphalia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Feb. 1, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler and Rev. Dan Petsche concelebrants. Casket bearers were Mike Schechinger, Terry Musich, Tom Musich, Ed Weihs, Kelly Schwery, Marvin Musich and Mark Weihs. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

