

Remembrance

Lavina Ann Schwarte Blum, 101

Aug. 25, 1917 - May 11, 2019

EARLING – Lavina Ann Schwarte Blum, daughter of Nick and Agnes (Kenkel) Leinen was born in Portsmouth on August 25, 1917. She was baptized in Portsmouth and confirmed in Earling. She moved with her parents to Earling when she was a little girl. She attended country school for several years then went to St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

On March 17, 1937, Lavina was united in marriage to Wilfred Schwarte in St. Joseph's Church.

Seven children were born to this union. They farmed near Earling until they retired in 1967. Wilfred passed away on August 11, 1977 at the age of 68.

Lavina married again to Ivo Blum on November 14, 1981. They lived in Earling for 17 and a half years. Ivo passed away on May 19, 1998 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Lavina was a loving and caring mother and grandmother and really enjoyed having everyone visit. She worked hard as a farmer's wife, gardening, canning, feeding all the cattle, hogs, chickens, milking cows, and all the other tasks a farmer does.

Lavina was an active member of St. Joseph's Altar Society for many years. She enjoyed planting a big garden with lots and lots of flowers. She loved to go bowling and had a team called Hen and Chicks, which included her and her three daughters Alice, Sally, and Connie. They even took first place. She loved playing cards, especially euchre and 31.

Lavina died on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Dunlap Specialty Care in Dunlap, attaining the age of 101 years, eight months and 16 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Swede and Ivo, her sons Glenn and Larry, sisters Cecelia Buckley, Sally Dullemuth, Irene Mahlberg, and Rose Mary Renberg, brothers Lavern Leinen, Leo Leinen, Nick Leinen, Jr., Alfred Leinen, and Ed Leinen, grandchildren Amy Summerfield and Jon Kasey Chase.

Lavine is survived by her children Alice (Ron) Reiser of Carroll; Jerry (Starr) Schwarte of Denison; Ken (Rose) Schwarte of Branson West, MO; Sally (Jeff) Lass of Pilot Mound; Connie (Rodney) Summerfield of Dunlap; daughters-in-law Becky Schwarte of Denison; Carol Schwarte of Littleton, CO; and so many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Estelle Leinen of Dow City; Joan Leinen of Earling; and Carol Leinen of Harlan; many nieces and nephews, other family members and friends.

An 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Dan Gehler on Friday, May 17, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Colleen Heitmann and Amber Summerfield served as readers. All of Lavina's numerous grandchildren served as honorary casket bearers. Jim Reiser, Scott Koppit, Jason Schwarte, Clay Schwarte, Brandon Summerfield, and Kevin Beymer served as casket bearers. Interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, Iowa.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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