

Theresa Schmitz, 84

Westphalia — Theresa Mary Schmitz, daughter of George and Mary Lerche Musich, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia, on Sept. 18, 1895. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

On Oct. 24, 1916, she married Adolph Schmitz in St. Boniface church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union.

They farmed near Westphalia until 1961 when they moved into Westphalia. After Adolph's death in Aug. of 1962, Theresa continued to live in Westphalia. It was here that she died on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1979, at age 84 years, one month and 26 days. She had been a life time member of St. Boniface church in Westphalia. She was also a member of the Rosary Society, Sewing Circle, and the Sr. Citizens club.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Russ Schwery; three brothers - George, Joe, and Michael Musich; six sisters - Kate Klein, Mary Kobbold, Elizabeth Kobbold, Lena Musich, Rose Greiner and Matilda Kenkel. Survivors include a son, Francis A. Schmitz of Denison; five daughters - Maryann (Mrs Joe Klein) of Petaluma, Calif., Delores (Mrs Jerald Obrecht) of Harlan, Verdella (Mrs John Schill) of Omaha, Verelda (Mrs Melvin Schwery) of Panama, and Theresa (Mrs Gerald Goetz) of Irwin) 27 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Boniface church in Westphalia, on Saturday, Nov. 17, 1979, with Rev. Michael Sims as celebrant and Rev. David Fenelon and Msgr. John McIlhon as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Joe Goetz, Joe Klein, Thomas Goetz, Lyle Schwery, Darrell Klein, David Obrecht, Myron Schwery and Daniel Obrecht, all grandsons of Mrs Schmitz, serving as pallbearers.