

WINGERT, Stella M.



Stella M. Wingert, 67

Portsmouth - Stella Marie Wingert, daughter of Henry and Mary Kramer Schmitz, was born on a farm in Shelby County near Westphalia, on Nov. 26, 1912. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface School and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. After completing her education, Stella continued to live on the farm while helping out in the neighborhood.

On May 3, 1938, she married Isadore Wingert at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Four children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm near Portsmouth until 1941 when they moved to a farm near Panama. In 1948 they moved back to a farm near Portsmouth and this has been their home since that time.

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Mrs. Wingert died at Archbishop Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, on Sunday, May 4, 1980, at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 18 days. She had been a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers - Leroy and Richard; and a sister, Mary Jane. Survivors include her husband, Isadore, of Portsmouth; a daughter, Janice (Mrs. Orville) Fisher of Council Bluffs; three sons - Dr. Orlyn Wingert of Omaha and William and Robert Wingert, both of Harlan; and 11 grandchildren; also by a brother, Virgil Schmitz of Neola; five sisters - Lillian (Mrs. Martin) Blum of Council Bluffs; Laura Schmitz of Marshfield, Wisconsin, Eileen (Mrs. John - "Stan") Schrader of Seattle, Washington, Alice (Mrs. Ed) Kwapiszeski of Panama, and Naomi (Mrs. Marcus) Gross of Defiance; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, on Tuesday, May 6, 1980, with the Rev. Vincent Rosonke as celebrant and the Rev. A. W. Fischer, the Rev. Leonard Kenkel, the Rev. Richard Wagner, and the Rev. LaVern Wingert as concelebrants. Interment was in St. Boniface Cemetery, Westphalia, with Terry Blum, Doug Gross, Mike Wingert, Eugene Kenkel, Harold Klein, Jr., and Jerry Kwapiszeski serving as casket-