

Romana Schwery, 95

June 22, 1909 - Oct. 23, 2004

MANILLA — Romana Theresa, daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Hunstock) Goeser was born June 22, 1909, on the family farm near Earling. She graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling in 1928, and then attended six weeks of summer school to train to be a teacher.

Jan. 14, 1930, Romana married Alfred Godfrey Schwery at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. The couple farmed near Panama until 1942 when they moved to a farm near Defiance. They continued farming until 1959 and retired the next year moving into Manilla. Romana worked hard on the farm and in their garden. Romana was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Manilla and was active in the Altar Society, Legion of Mary and Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Romana and Alfred wintered in Texas for many years. After the death of her husband Dec. 12, 1987, she continued to live at home until she suffered a fall in December 2001 at which time she became a resident of Manilla Manor Nursing Home. Oct. 23, 2004, she died at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, at age 95 years, four months and one day.

Besides her parents and husband, Romana is preceded in death by her daughter, Coletta Schwery Blum in 1966; four brothers, Joseph, Henry, Aloysius and Cyprian Goeser; eight sisters; five who entered the covenant, Maria Emilia, Anna Marie, Katherine, Ester and Martha; Dorothy Muenchrath; Scholastica O'Connell and Frances Hahn. She is survived by five children, Melania (Jerry) Peterson of Omaha, NE; Connie (Warren) Becker of Defiance; Al Schwery (Judy) of Albuquerque, NM; Imelda "Milly" (John) Laube of Houston, TX; Mel Schwery (Sharon) of Tucson, AZ; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Margaret Coenen and Zita Engel of Westphalia; Nonna Adams of Santa Cruz, CA; Theresa Wellman of Neola; Mildred Leuschen of Portsmouth; Cleo (Newmark) Nelsen of Mercer Island, WA; Cecelia Schwery of Denison; and Verelda Schwery of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were David Blum, Brian Becker, James Schwery, Dan Schwery, John Laube, Jr., and Dennis Bunjer. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.