

## Irene Catherine Backhaus, 83

Oct. 9, 1910 - April 17, 1994

**Manilla** — Irene, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Blum Goetzinger, was born Oct. 9, 1910 at Templeton. She attended Sacred Heart School in Templeton and when she was in the second grade she moved with her family, to Defiance where she continued her schooling. As a young woman, she did housework for many people.

Feb. 19, 1941 she married Clarence Backhaus at David City, NE. They lived on a farm near Manilla where she was a homemaker. Her husband died in 1966.

A few months later she moved into Manilla. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish in Manilla and its Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Helping Hand Club. Feb. 23, 1994 she entered the Manilla Manor Nursing Home. She died suddenly and unexpectedly April 17, 1994 at the Manning General Hospital at age 83 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, Charles Kenneth Dolby; and the following brothers and sisters: Elizabeth Kloewer, Clara Kloewer, Helen Kaufman, Clea Haven, Marcella Foley, Rose Rasmussen, LeRoy Goetzinger, Laverne Goetzinger, and Lucille Hoxworth. Survivors include her children: Faye (Ronald) Jacobsen, of Harlan; Janet (Donald) Dotzler, of Defiance; Rachel Dolby, of Waverly; and Sandra (Kenton) Gruhn of Manilla; 9 grandchildren; the follow-



ing sisters and brothers: Josephine Heller, of Defiance; Virgil Goetzinger (Irene) of Alma, MI; Charles Goetzinger (Eunice) of Defiance; and Edward Goetzinger (Agnes) of Westphalia; the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Wallace Backhaus (Dolores) of Mesa, AZ; Vernella Goetzinger of Defiance; Irene (C.M. "Mike") Kline of Omaha; Bob Kaufman of Co. Bluffs; and Everett Rasmussen of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 1994 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla with Reverend Father Lloyd White officiating. Burial was in the Union Township cemetery, Defiance. Honorary casket bearers were grandchildren: Lisa Kardell, Diane Dolby and Jeffrey Gruhn. Casket bearers were grandchildren: James Dotzler, Jacie Gruhn, Julie Gruhn, Daniel Dotzler, Kevin Kardell and Debra Dolby. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.