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Betty Grage, 64

April 3, 1928 — July 24, 1992

MANILLA — Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Grage, daughter of Leo and Avis McGinnis Brannan, was born April 3, 1928 at Stuart. As a youth she moved with her family to Bayard where she attended school.

After finishing her schooling she worked several places until her marriage to Ralph Hansen Jan. 9, 1950. They made their home in Manilla and were the parents of two children, Dennis and Denise. Ralph died Aug. 9, 1969. While living in Manilla she worked several places, including L.R. Nelson in Manning and the Rusty Nail in Manilla.

Dec. 27, 1975, she married Donald Herman "Whitey" Grage at Omaha, NE. They lived in Manilla where she was a member of the Sacred Heart parish and the American Legion Auxiliary. She died unexpectedly at her home in Manilla July 21, 1992 at age 64 years, three months and 18 days.

Besides her first husband, she was preceded in death by her father, Leo Brannan and by her daughter-in-law, Sally Hansen. Survivors include her husband, Donald "Whitey" Grage of Manilla; her son, Dennis (Janette) Hansen of Manilla; her daughter, Denise Hansen and Jerry Mills of Manilla; five grandchildren; her mother, Avis Hayes of Des Moines; two sisters, Lavonne Wolfe of Des Moines; and Betty Brooks of Des Moines; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The Rite of Christian Burial was held July 24, 1992 at Sacred Heart Church, Manilla. Celebrant was Rev. Fr. Lloyd White. Music was by the Sacred Heart Choir. Burial was in Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla. Casketbearers were Cliff Waterbury, Louie Lorenzen, Ray Boeck, Ron Christensen, Tom Rutherford and Nyle Gruhn. Honorary casketbearers were Bob Georgius and Bernie Higgins.