

## Bernyce Gaer, 79

March 27, 1929 - Feb. 17, 2009

**MANNING** — Bernyce Nadine Gaer, daughter of Ernest and Evelyn (Guss) Will, was born March 27, 1929 on the family farm in Shelby County, Iowa. She attended Irwin school, graduating in 1947. Bernyce then began working at the telephone office.

July 27, 1949, Bernyce was united in marriage with Marvin D. Gaer at St. Joseph, MO. They soon moved to her father's farm near Irwin where they farmed for six years. Two daughters were born to this union. In 1956 the family moved to Hatfield, MO where

Marvin began working on a cattle ranch and Bernyce remained at home to care for their daughters. In 1962 the family moved to Manning, where Marvin began working as a police officer. After her girls were older, Bernyce worked at the bakery, newspaper office and as a housekeeper at the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. Bernyce was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion Auxiliaries and the United Methodist Church in Manning. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

When Bernyce was no longer able to remain at home she became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home where she died on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 21 days.

Bernyce was preceded in death by her parents; brother Debert Will and wife Trudy and sister Kay and husband Lee Batterson. She is survived by her husband Marvin Gaer of Manning; daughters Patricia Gaer of Manning and Jerri and husband James Muhlbauer of rural Manning; five grandchildren: Matt Doyel and fiancée Sheri; Ryan Doyel and wife Bobby; Heath Doyel; Mindy Muhlbauer and Melissa and husband Sean Clines; seven great-grandchildren; brother Marvin Will and wife Audrey of Surprise, AZ; sister Grace Malcom of Manning; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the United Methodist Church in Manning. Pastor Lannette Plambeck officiated the service and the graveside rites at the Manning Cemetery. Georgia Lohrmann and JoAnn Karstens provided the hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Serving as pallbearers were Melissa Clines, Mindy Muhlbauer, Matt Doyel, Ryan Doyel, Heath Doyel, and John Ohde. The family invited everyone to join them for lunch and fellowship at the church following the committal service.



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