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Gertrude Jurschak, 89

Feb. 3, 1913 - Aug. 11, 2002

OMAHA, NE - Gertrude Mary Jurschak, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Fuhs) Jurschak, was born Feb. 3, 1913, in Portsmouth. She attended Cass #3 Country School through the eighth grade. She attended St. Mary's High School and graduated with the Class of 1930. She valued education, receiving her B.A. degree from Mt. St. Scholastica of Atchison, KS, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Loyola University in Chicago, IL, majoring in journalism. She taught for two years at the country school east of Portsmouth. Gertrude lived in Chicago for 63 years, and moved to Omaha, NE, in 2000. She was the last living daughter of Peter and Margaret (Fuhs) Jurschak. She died Aug. 11, 2002, at the Life Care Center in Omaha, at age 89 years, six months and eight days.

Preceding Gertrude in death were her parents; three brothers, Peter, John and Joseph; and three sisters, Marie, Frances and Margaret. Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Mary Schwinderman of Omaha, NE, and Lucille Jurschak of Portsmouth; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 14, 2002, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Father Paul L. Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.