

Bernadine Kenkel, 70

Jan. 5, 1928 - July 1, 1998

MANILLA - Bernadine Margaret, daughter of John and Kunigunda Foxhoven Fuhs, was born Jan. 5, 1928, in Portsmouth. She attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth. She then did housework for neighbors and friends.

Sept. 1, 1948, she married Mark Kenkel in Portsmouth. Nine children were born to this union. They farmed near Portsmouth, and then Manilla, where they raised their children. In 1981 Mark retired and they moved into Manilla. As a member of Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, she belonged to the Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society, and sang with Mark in the Sacred Heart Adult Choir. She also did sewing, crafts, gardening and attended Helping Hand Club activities. July 1, 1998, she died in her sleep at her home in Manilla, at age 70 years, five months and 28 days.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, William Fuhs, and a granddaughter, Allison Kenkel. She is survived by her husband, Mark Kenkel of Manilla; nine children, Cynthia (Jim) Salter of Moline, IL; Ronald Kenkel (Jan) of Oakland; Gloria (Bob) Muff of New Providence; Julia (Bob) Schmitz of Harlan; Marcia (Art) Pontier of Osceola; Sylvia (Dave) Sporrer of Templeton; Roger Kenkel (Gail) of Manilla; Rodney Kenkel (Julie) of Shenandoah and Maria (Vic) Jewell of Fort Dodge; 21 grandchildren; four sisters, Mildred Goeser, Mary Kramer, Rita Schaben, and Pat Smith; two brothers, Bob and Joe Fuhs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 3, 1998 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla, with Father Robert Gralapp and Father Loyd White concelebrants. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were the Helping Hand Club and Melinda Dammann. Casket bearers were Travis Muff, Jeff Schmitz, Chad Pontier, Kyle Kenkel, Ryan Pontier, Cody Kenkel, Jeremy Kenkel and Greg Schmitz. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.