

## Monica Kenkel, 72

*Feb. 20, 1931 - Jan. 25, 2004*

**WOODBINE** – Monica G. Schwery was born Feb. 20, 1931, to Lawrence and Agnes (Maiwald) Schwery in Panama. She grew up in Panama and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1948. After her graduation, she worked at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs.

May 11, 1954, Monica married Leo Kenkel in Panama. The couple lived in Panama for five years and then they moved to Woodbine. In 1968, she went to work in the office at the Woodbine Grain Company. She worked there for 20 years retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the church choir. She helped provide Catholic services at Rose Vista, she delivered meals on wheels, and was active in RCIA (a group that helped people learn more about their Catholic faith). She died Jan. 25, 2004, at the Methodist Medical Center in Omaha, at age 72 years, 11 months and five days.

Monica is preceded in death by her parents and twin siblings. She is survived by Leo, her husband of nearly 50 years; five children, Kathy (Dan) Hays of Elkhorn, NE; Ron Kenkel (Natalie) of Omaha, NE; Regina (Jeff) Modica of Toledo, OH; Jeff Kenkel (Lynn) of Menomonee Falls, WI; Phil Kenkel of Woodbine; 11 grandchildren; three brothers, Donald Schwery (Roseanne); Robert Schwery (Sally), both of Panama; and Duane Schwery (Kathy) of Omaha, NE; sister, Elaine (Ralph) Tremel of Panama; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Woodbine, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter celebrant and Rev. Ben Kenkel concelebrant. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Ben Modica, Troy Kenkel, Laura Modica, Anna Kenkel, Kevin Kenkel, Patrick Hays, Caitlin Hays, Evan Kenkel, Abbey Modica and Claire Kenkel. Casket bearers were Ron Kenkel, Phil Kenkel, Jeff Modica, Jeff Kenkel, Adam Kenkel and Dan Hays. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

