

## **Geraldine May Thompson, 71**

*June 2, 1926 - Oct. 23, 1997*

**IRWIN** - Geraldine May Thompson, daughter of Oliver and Mabelle Ferry Hayward, was born June 2, 1926, on a farm near Kirkman. She died at the Crawford County Hospital in Denison, Oct. 23, 1997, at age 71 years, four months and 21 days. She grew to adulthood on the family farm and attended school in Kirkman, graduating in 1943 from the Kirkman High School. After receiving her high school diploma, she attended Commercial Extension school where she graduated a year later.

March 14, 1946, she married Kenneth Thompson at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. Their daughters, Marsha and Sharon, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Irwin and Kirkman vicinities until 1952, when they moved to Irwin where he became the representative for the Standard Oil Co. They raised their children in Irwin and continued to make their home there. He died suddenly Feb. 20 1975, leaving Geraldine to finish raising their two daughters. Geraldine, Marsha and Sharon continued to make their home in Irwin. She continued her longtime membership in the United Methodist Church in Irwin as well as United Methodist Women.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father in 1962. Survivors include her two daughters, Marsha (Keith) Miller of Denison and Sharon (Dennis) Essig of Bolingbrook, IL; her mother, Mabelle Hayward of Manilla, and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Oct. 27, 1997, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Inurnment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.