

## **Norma Taggart, 73**

*Nov. 20, 1925 – Aug. 22, 1999*

**MANNING** – Norma Jean, daughter of Milton and Ethel Randolph Crees, was born Nov. 20, 1925, near Audubon. She attended country school in Audubon County as well as Guthrie Center High School. She then worked as a cook at a café in Guthrie Center.

Aug. 5, 1944, she married Billie Taggart in Guthrie Center. Two children were born to this union. They farmed at various locations near Audubon and Harlan, before moving to the Manning area in 1960. In the late 1960's she went back to school and completed her nursing degree through Iowa Western Community College. She then worked at Manning General Hospital as a nurse for more than 26 years. In 1988, Billie retired from farming and they moved into Manning. She was a member of the Tri-County Social Club and taught Sunday School at the United Methodist Church for a number of years. She had Parkinson's Disease and in 1997 her health began to fail. She died Aug. 22, 1999, unexpectedly at her home in Manning, at age 73 years, nine months and two days.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd in infancy; a sister, Jacqueline Keasey; and a son-in-law, Gene Reisz. She is survived by her husband, Billie Taggart of Manning; a son, David Taggart (Judy) of York, NE; a daughter, Marilyn Reisz of Panama; four grandchildren, Scott Taggart (Kristi) and their son, Christian Michael, of Bradshaw, NE; Robert Taggart of Dorchester, NE; Mandi Reisz of Iowa City; Shayla Reisz of Omaha, NE; nine sisters, Mary Huitt of Panora; Ramona Daggett of Linden; Ruby Blake of Perry; Geneva Oakley of Audubon; Shirley Keasey of Jefferson; Janice Oakley of Audubon; Lois Thygsen of Audubon; Delores Wahlert of Exira; Barb Harter of Farlin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 1999, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manning, with Rev. Larry McAlpine of the United Methodist Church officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Lloyd Oakley and Abe Daggett. Casket bearers were Paul Wahlert, Kenneth Harter, Larry Thygsen, Dan Keasey, Allen Oakley and Merle Blake.