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## **Catherine Zimmerman, 74**

**June 20, 1919 - May 2, 1994**

**Oakland** - Catherine Cecelia Zimmerman, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Eckermann) Fromm was born June 20, 1919 at Westphalia. She died May 2, 1994 at her home near Oakland at age 74 years, 10 months and 12 days. She attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama and grew to adulthood on her family's farm near Westphalia. In 1940 she moved to Iowa City and it was here that she met her first husband, Frank John Pechman. They were married Jan. 14, 1941 in Iowa City and three children were born to this union. She was a loving wife and mother who for over forty years put the needs of her family above her own. After the death of Frank May 24, 1971, she remained in Iowa City until 1973 when she moved to Buck Grove and lived with her sister, Clara Hansen.

Nov. 5, 1975, she married Roman Joseph Zimmerman at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla. They made their home on a farm near Oakland and this has been her home since that time. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Griswold.

She is survived by her husband, Roman Zimmerman of Oakland; her children: Michael (Jennifer) Pechman of Iowa City, Stacy (Pat) Pechman of Iowa City, and Valenta (Jim) Moorman of Dallas, OR; 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 4 step-sons: Joseph of Catoosa, OK, James of KS, Elmer of Los Angeles, CA and Gerald Zimmerman of Aurora, CO, 5 step grandchildren, a sister, Clara Hansen of Denison and a brother Joe Fromm of Salem, OR, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 6, 1994 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Dan Krettek and Rev. LaVerne Wingert. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Jim Schaben, Darrell Johnson, Duane Liddell, Craig Conover and Fred Kwapiszeski honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Leo Fromm, Bert Conway, Daniel D. Hansen, John Zimmerman, Russel Liddell, John Klein, Mark Liddell and Stan Messerschmidt. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.