

Irene Friesen, 95

Oct. 26, 1917 - Dec. 29, 2012

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Irene

Marie Friesen age 95 passed away Saturday December 29, 2012. She was born October 26, 1917 in Panama to Frank and Cecilia Schechinger Kramer and was the oldest of 17 children. She graduated from Earling High.

Irene was united in marriage to Dale W. Friesen on September 16 1946, and together moved to Council Bluffs in 1957. Irene's memberships include St. Patrick's Church and their Altar and Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters of America and the church's sewing group.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, multiple brothers and sisters, husband Dale in 1998, daughter Marilyn Sawyers in 2012. Survivors include her children and spouses, Pat (Les) Hayes, Jan Lockhart, Mike (Jean) Friesen, John (Jan) Friesen, Jim (Pam) Friesen, Paul Friesen, Ken (Jean) Friesen; 13 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Tim Sawyers; sisters, Theresa Grote and Mary Heese; sister-in-law, Marlene Kramer; brother-in-law, Joe Bissen; numerous nieces and nephews.

Wake services were held Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. followed by visitation with the family until 8:00 p.m. all at Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, January 4, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church with Father Glen Wilwerding, Celebrant. Interment was in the Ridgewood Cemetery with a luncheon following at St. Patrick's. Family has suggested memorials to St. Patrick's Church, St. Albert Schools and the American Lung Association.



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