

Rita T. Heffernan, 60

Jan. 22, 1935 - Feb. 11, 1995

Dunlap - Rita T. Heffernan was born Jan. 22, 1935 in Dunlap and died Feb. 11, 1995 in Omaha, NE. She was the third daughter of Maurice P. and Alice Finnegan Sullivan and was born at Mill Creek. She was baptized, made her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Patrick's Church. She attended Mill Creek grade school and graduated from St. Joseph High School in Dunlap in 1953. After graduation she worked in Omaha at Woodman Circle Insurance Company until 1958.

June 14, 1958 she married Edward J. Heffernan at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. To this marriage was born four sons: Robert in Omaha, NE, Daniel P. in Evreux, France, Martin P. in Rapid City, SD and Edward M. in Sioux City. She was a member of St. Patrick's Parish, Catholic Daughters Court St. Monica, and St. Patrick's Altar Society. She served as activities director at the Dunlap Care Center and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She held membership in a special friendship group, the Chattering Dozen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice and Alice Sullivan; one brother, Patrick in 1969 and most recently a granddaughter, Allison Heffernan Sept. 2, 1994. Survivors include her husband, Edward J.; her four sons and their spouses, Robert (Margie) of Woodbine, Dan (Sharon) of Dunlap, Marty (Jody) of Eagle Grove and Ed (Marla) of Columbus, NE; seven grandchildren, four sisters and one brother, Mary (Fritz) Baldwin of Dunlap, JoAnn (Marcus) Dresen of Earling, Lorraine (Bob) Weber of Dunlap, Tom Sullivan of Carroll and Kathleen (Jack) Roane of Neola and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13, 1995 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Dunlap, with Rev. James Chiaro officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, Dunlap. Casket bearers were: Jerry Baldwin, Kevin Fink, Fred Roane, Mark Weber, Kevin Dresen, Rob Heffernan, Tom Sullivan and Tim Weber.