

## Irene Hoffmann, 96

*Oct. 12, 1905 - March 22, 2002*

**AVOCA** - Irene Magdalena Hoffmann was born Oct. 12, 1905, in rural Panama, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Sonntag Goeser. She was one of five children in the family.

She married Arthur Hoffmann April 20, 1926, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. After their marriage, they lived on a farm northwest of Panama. In 1941, they moved to a farm west of Shelby. In 1950, they moved to a farm east of Hancock. In 1959, they moved east of Oakland. In 1969, they retired and moved to Avoca. They were the parents of six children, Marie, Eugene, Agnes, Robert, Alice and Harold. Art died Jan. 8, 1984. Irene remained at her home until she moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut, and later moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in November of 2001. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society, Neighborhood Card Club, the Elderberries Senior Center and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. She died suddenly March 22, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 96 years, five months and 10 days.

Her parents; her husband, Arthur; a son, Robert; and a daughter, Agnes; two grandchildren, Becky Hoffmann and Gene Hoffmann; and one great grandchild, Becky Dunkelburger; her sisters, Bertha Mickels, Cecelia Waltz, Marcelia Michels, and an infant brother preceded Irene in death. She is survived by her children, Marie McCarthy of Omaha, NE; Eugene Hoffmann (Elaine) of Lewis; Alice Mogensen of Hersher, IL and Harold Hoffmann (Bonnie) of Hancock; 34 grandchildren; 90 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 26, 2002, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca with Father John Frost officiating. Burial was in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Panama. Casket bearers were Jim Hoffmann, David Hoffmann, Robert McCarthy, Harold Hoffmann, Jr., Ronald Mogensen and Peter Greve. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.