

## Catherine Lawler, 81

*Jan. 26, 1924 - Feb. 24, 2005*

**CARROLL** — Catherine Lawler was born Jan. 26, 1924, in Vail, daughter of John and Margaret (Houlihan) Lally. She spent most of her lifetime in the Vail and Westside communities and graduated from St. Ann High School in 1941.

Feb. 7, 1944, Catherine married John G. Lawler at St. Ann Church in Vail with Father Denis Clark officiating. Following their marriage, the couple farmed the family farm north of Westside where she was a homemaker and raised her family. Following her husband's death in 1996, she moved to her home in Carroll. She was a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Carroll and former member of St. Ann Parish in Vail. She was also a member of the Vail American Legion Auxillary, Legion of Mary, St. Ann Altar Society, and former member of St. Ann Choir. She died Feb. 24, 2005, at her residence of an apparent heart condition at age 81.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John G. Lawler, in October 1996; a brother, Frances Paul Lally, in infancy; sister, Jane Marie Thompson; and brothers-in-law, Elmer Thompson, Ed Pribyl and Lyman Benton. She is survived by her children, James Lawler (Kathy) of Devine, TX; Ed Lawler (Katie) of Carroll; Mary Jones (Gary) of Ankeny; Tom Lawler (Jan) of Harlan; Dorothy Olerich (Myron) of Sergeant Bluff; Kevin Lawler (Cindy) of Westside; Kristy Poland (Mark) of Carroll; and Jeff Lawler (Nancy) of Granger; 32 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; brothers, John Lally (Regina) of Denison; Joe Lally (Rita) of Vail; and Marty Lally (Mary) of Denison; sisters, Helen Dieter (Bob) of Vail; Genevieve Pribyl of Omaha, NE; and Theresa Haney (Jim) of Detroit Lakes, MN; and sister-in-law, Beatrice Benton of Milan, IL.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 1, 2005, at St. Ann Church in Vail. The celebrants were Father Lloyd White and Father John Thomas. Casket bearers were Mark Lawler, Rick Lawler, Patrick Poland, Matt Jones, Dennis Olerich, Joe Lawler and Marty Lawler. Burial was in St. Ann Cemetery in Vail. Sharp Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.