

Margaret McLaughlin, 94

Dec. 2, 1908 - June 20, 2003

WALNUT – Margaret Marie McLaughlin, daughter of Frank and Catherine (Michalski) Gessert, was born Dec. 2, 1908, in Marshfield, WI. She was baptized at the Corpus Christi Church in Marshfield, WI.

Oct. 21, 1930, she married John McLaughlin at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Shelby County area. In September of 2000, Margaret became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, and this is where she died June 20, 2003, at age 94 years, six months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, John; two daughters, Maxine Cunningham and Virginia Anderson; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a grandson; a granddaughter; three brothers, Arnold, Frank and Donald Gessert; and four sisters, Leona Waltz, Virginia Waltz, Bernadine Hughes and Catherine Rockwell. She is survived by her children, Francis (Catherine) McLaughlin of Omaha; Roland (Jolene) McLaughlin of Omaha; Robert (Jan) McLaughlin of Omaha; Raymond McLaughlin of Walnut; Arlene (Eddie) Andersen of Rochester, MN; Edward (Kris) McLaughlin of Oakland, NE; Sharon (Norman) Sorrells of Omaha; Margaret (Wade) Crow of Omaha; Joseph (Mary) McLaughlin of Everly; her son-in-law, Billy Cunningham of Eagan, MN; 19 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; three sisters, Jean Waltz of Canby, MN; Ceil Zimmerman of Omaha; and Vera Pauley of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 23, 2003, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut, with Rev. Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in the St. Patrick's Cemetery. Casket bearers were Francis McLaughlin, Raymond McLaughlin, Roland McLaughlin, Edward McLaughlin; Robert McLaughlin and Joseph McLaughlin. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut, in charge of arrangements.