

Kathleen "Kay" McMahon, 75

June 24, 1923 - Aug. 7, 1998 ✓

MANILLA - Kathleen Ann, daughter of Joseph and Kathryn F. Quinn Finken, was born June 24, 1923, near Defiance. She attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Defiance, graduating in 1940. She started working for Western Union in Omaha, and then transferred to Los Angeles.

June 6, 1944, while she was still working in Los Angeles, she married Gerald V. "Jiggs" McMahon. In 1947, the family moved back to Iowa, settling in Manilla where Kay was a homemaker. In addition, she also worked at L.R. Nelson in Manning for 10 years and then for Manilla Fertilizer for 10 years, retiring in 1983. About that time, she and her husband started spending their winters in Arizona. In the early 1990s, she started showing the signs of Alzheimer's Disease. Her physical health began to fail after she suffered a seizure July 12, 1998. She died Aug. 7, 1998, at Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison, at age 75 years, one month and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gerard, in infancy, and two brothers, Delbert Finken and Thomas Finken. She is survived by her husband, Gerald "Jiggs" McMahon; nine children, Gary McMahon (Nancy) of Omaha; Pat McMahon (Shell) of Minden; Jim McMahon of Omaha; Tim McMahon (Judy) of Omaha; Mary (Jim) Heller of Manilla; Donna Haynie of Papillion; Ann (Gene) Katzer of Denison; Beth (Mike) Dickson of Manilla and Susan McMahon of Omaha; 18 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; a sister, Pat (Urban) Knobbe of Carroll; a brother, Bill Finken (Rita) of Harlan; two sisters-in-law, Patricia McMahon of Manilla and Dorothy Rooney of Sioux City; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 11, 1998, at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla, with Father Robert Gralapp and Father Bill Rooney concelebrating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Matt Katzer, Josh Haynie, Aaron Dickson, Chad McMahon, Joe Heller, David Katzer, Miah Haynie, Justin Dickson. Casket bearers were Ryan McMahon, Jason Smith, Jeff Heller, Mike Katzer, Sean McMahon and Jeremy Heller. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.