

## Rose Wear, 83

*Dec. 21, 1923 - March 24, 2007*

**AVOCA** – Rose Ellen Wear, daughter of John and Anna (Von Teresh) Gayman, was born Dec. 21, 1923, in Neola. She was baptized, received her First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. She attended both grade school and high school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Neola.

Rose married Francis Wear Jan. 2, 1943, at St. Patrick's Church in Neola. They were the parents of seven children. They farmed in the Portsmouth area for five years, then moved to the Logan area, where they farmed for sixteen years. Rose and Francis then moved to a farm northwest of Hancock and farmed there for fourteen years before retiring in 1980 when they moved to their home in Avoca. Rose was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca where she was a custodian of the church from 1982-1990. She died March 24, 2007, at Longview Nursing Home in Missouri Valley at age eighty-three years, three months and three days.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant daughter, Rosemary; two brothers, Leo and Alex Gayman; and three sisters: Elizabeth Bendon, Cecilia Wear, and Agnes Wessel. She is survived by her children: Terry Wear of Springfield, VA; Jane (Allen) Erlbacher of Earling; Marilyn (Vern) McDaniel of Bentonville, AR; Loretta Wear of Jonesborough, TN; Sheila Neff of Urbandale and Maureen (Daniel) Coffman of Rosemount, MN; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-one great grandchildren; one sister, Mathilda McEvoy of Logan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 28, 2007, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca with Father Robert Harris Celebrant, Father Mike Berner Homilist and Father John Frost Co-Celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Mick Denning, Allan Erlbacher, George Wear, Charles Wear, Vern McDaniel and Edward Schafer, Sr. Casket bearers were Travis Neff, Michael Erlbacher, Jeffrey Cocking, Mark Erlbacher, Marc Ambrose and Steve Erlbacher. Burial was held in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.