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Catherine Croghan, 75

June 19, 1927 - Oct. 4, 2002

MANNING – Catherine Agnes, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Windeshausen) Schmitz, was born June 19, 1927, at Panama. She attended St. Mary's School in Panama, graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1945. Catherine earned her Bachelor's degree in 1949, from Mount Saint Scholastica College in Atchison, KS. She returned home and taught at St. Mary's High School for a short time.

Feb. 14, 1950, Catherine married Jerome Croghan at St. Mary's Church in Panama. Thirteen children were born to this union. The family lived and farmed near Botna, southeast of Manilla. In 1991, shortly after retiring from the farm, they moved to their new home south of Manning. She was a homemaker until her retirement when she started working in the laundry department of Manning Regional Healthcare Center. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Manning. Oct. 4, 2002, after a day of visiting with family and friends, she died suddenly and unexpectedly at her home at age 75 years, three months and 15 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; six brothers, John, Vincent, William, Msgr. Peter, Nick and Joseph; and one sister, Louise Pauley. She is survived by her husband, Jerome Croghan; 13 children, Julia (Mike) Fitzgerald of Winfield, IL; Mary (David) Ensch of Madison, WI; Ruth (Gary) Callahan of Cedar Rapids; Peter Croghan (Lois) Manning; Mark Croghan (Carol) of Sioux City; Joan (Rodney) Young of Mount Vernon; Dennis Croghan (Lynette) of Manilla; Owen Croghan (LuAnn) of Alton; Luke Croghan (Linda) of Manilla; Willie Croghan (Diania) of Center Point; Paul Croghan (Brenda) of Manilla; Alice Croghan and fiancée, Phil Kramer of Center Point; and Catherine (Mark) Lechtenberg of Centerville; 45 grandchildren; two sisters, Marge Croghan of Manning and Sister Maristelle Schmitz, O.S.B. of Colorado Springs, CO; two sisters-in-law, Laurina Schmitz of Harlan and Marcella Schmitz of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 2002, at the Sacred Heart Church, Manning, with Rev. Father James McAlpin and Rev. Father Robert Galapp officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Casket bearers were Pete Croghan, Dennis Croghan, Luke Croghan, Paul Croghan, Mark Croghan, Owen Croghan and Willie Croghan. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.