

## Mary Rhodes, 78 ✓

*Sept. 6, 1928 - June 1, 2007*

**AVOCA** — Mary M. Rhodes, daughter of Walter and Pearl (Nelson) Lahey, was born Sept. 6, 1928, on a farm in Adair County. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church in Greenfield, and graduated from Greenfield High School where she took normal training. She taught school in Adair County for three years.

Sept. 7, 1948, Mary married Floyd Rhodes at St. John's Catholic Church in Greenfield. Three children were born to this union, Jane, Dennis and Mary Lynn. After their marriage, Mary was a stay at home mom. In the spring of 1953, Floyd and Mary moved to Avoca, where Floyd became the foreman for the Journal Herald Newspaper. At that time, they joined St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca and have been members ever since. In addition to church activities, She worked for a short time at Riesgaard Variety Store after her children were raised. Mary was introduced to the game of golf by Floyd and won the club championship seven times. She belonged to the Women's Golf Association, St. Mary's Altar Society, Women's Federated Club and the Avoca Garden Club. She died June 1, 2007, at Midland's Hospital in Papillion, NE at age 78 years, eight months and 26 days.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters, Leo, Bernard, Jim, Jack, Kathy and Anne; and sister-in-law, Bonnie Lahey. Survivors include her husband, Floyd Rhodes of Avoca; her children, Jane (Joseph) Henley of Lee's Summit, MO; Dennis Rhodes of Lake in the Hills, IL; and Mary Lynn Geisler of Overland Park, KS; and two grandchildren, Spencer Geisler (Karen) of Olathe, KS, and Tyler Geisler of Overland Park, KS; her brother and sisters, Helen (Don) Baudler of Fontenelle; Angela (Duane) Pullen of Creston; and Bob (Joyce) Lahey of Council Bluffs; sisters-in-law, Fern Lahey of Des Moines, and Shirley and Dolores Lahey, both of Greenfield; brother-in-law, Don Funderburk of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held June 4, 2007, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Rev. John Frost celebrant. Casket bearers were Tyler Geisler, Spencer Geisler, Larry Friederich, Bob Hegna, Jim Baulder and Ron Baulder. Burial was at the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.