

## **Thelma Rowedder, 74**

*Oct. 26, 1924 – Sept. 24, 1999*

**MANNING** – Thelma Theresa, daughter of George and Cunnegunda Schechinger Henkelman, was born Oct. 26, 1924, at Defiance, in Shelby County. She grew up in Defiance and attended St. Paul's Catholic School until 1939. After she finished her schooling, she moved with her parents to Vail and helped them with the housework while they farmed.

Oct. 18, 1949, she married Lyle R. Rowedder at St. Ann's Church in Vail, in a double ceremony with her sister, Jean and Norman Arp. Three sons were born to this union. They made their home in Manning. In 1965 she started working for L.R. Nelsen's Manufacturing until the plant closed in 1982. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Manning, the Catholic Daughters, Rosary Society and the Little Flower Prayer Club. In 1998, her health began to fail and she moved to Bergan Mercy Care Center in Omaha, where she died Sept. 28, 1999, at age 74 years, 11 months and two days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, George Henkelman; and three sisters, Marie Walters, Catherine Fineran and Jean Hugebach. She is survived by her husband, Lyle (Cookie) Rowedder of Manning; three children, Dennis Rowedder (Kathy) of Omaha; Donald Rowedder (Mary) of Minneapolis, MN; Lonny Rowedder of Manning; four grandsons, Nathan, Matthew, Jeffrey and Nicholas; one granddaughter, Jennifer; and her mother, JoAnn Rowedder; brothers and sisters, Leo Henkelman of Erie, IL; John Henkelman (Helen) of Odebolt; Helen (Raymond) Kock of Westside; Alice (Vernon) Scheel of Wilmington, IL; Rita (John) Cruise of Fremont, NE; two brothers-in-law, Joe Hugebach of Manning and Art Walters of Effingham, IL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 1999, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father James McAlpin officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Casket bearers were Marc Arp, Dan Arp, Randy Fineran, Joe Henkelman, Allan Kock and Keith Fineran. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.