

Madonna Schmitz

OMAHA, NE - Madonna Schmitz, daughter of August and Mathilda Schnuettgen, Sr., was born Feb. 5, 1925, in Buck Grove near Defiance. She was baptized Feb. 25, 1925, and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Madonna attended St. Paul's Grade School and High School and graduated in 1944.

July 27, 1944, she married Eugene Schmitz at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union, five children were born. She lived in LaVista, NE and retired from Western Electric in 1984. Then in 1990, she moved to New Cassel Retirement Center in Omaha, NE. She was an active member of the band.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mathilda and August Schnuettgen, Sr., and brothers, August "Gus" Schnuettgen, Jr. and John Schnuettgen. She is



survived by her children, Donna Jean (Gary) Woods of Houston, TX; Robert Schmitz (Michaela) of Bennington, NE; Jacqueline (James) Dahlin; Nerita (Larry) Schwabauer and Michelle "Shelly" Schmitz all of Omaha, NE; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, Anthony Monjarez (Felicia, Jeremiah and Olivia); Coleen and Richard Hovanec (Logan); Kim Schmitz; Kirk Schmitz (Mikeil); Tami Madden (Nicholas and Austin); Jason and Brian Schwabauer; brothers and sisters, Othmar "Oats" Schnuettgen of Dow City; Delores Gross of Defiance; Mary McCaffrey of Manilla; Marie Ullrich of Ukiah, CA; Rita (Merle) Langenfeld of Vail; Betty (Joe) Astuto of Omaha, NE and Eugene (Linda) Schnuettgen of Denison; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 25, 1997, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Joe Brown celebrant and Rev. Fred Reischl, Rev. Daniel Gallas and Rev. Vincent Ramaeker concelebrants. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery with Anthony Monjarez, Brian Schwabauer, Kirk Schmitz, Steve Schnuettgen, Jason Schwabauer and Richard Hovanec casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.