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Leona Whitmore, 71

Aug. 2, 1931 - April 23, 2003

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Leona May Whitmore, the daughter of Harry and Vera E. Gorsuch Bailey, was born Aug. 2, 1931, at home in Avoca. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. She received her education from Avoca Schools and graduated from the Avoca High School. She was employed by the Farmer's Home Administration, with her office being located in the Shelby County Court House. Leona worked there for many years before moving to Council Bluffs, with her husband, Jerry Whitmore. She was a member of Queen of the Apostle's Church in Council Bluffs.

Leona died April 23, 2003, at the Indian Hills Nursing Home in Council Bluffs, at age 71 years, eight months and 21 days.

In addition to her parents, Leona was preceded in death by her brother, Daryle Bailey, March 21, 2002. She is survived by her sister, Mary "Irene" Buwalda of Phoenix, AZ, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held April 28, 2003, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. Dan Kirby officiating. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

