



Ann Elizabeth "Betty" Westmoreland

October 23, 1927 - September 15, 2011

Ann Elizabeth (Betty) Westmoreland age 83, of Albert City, Iowa passed away in Roseville, Minnesota on September 15th, 2011. Betty was born October 23, 1927 to Nicholas and Eugenia (Champion) Reigelsberger of Gilmore City, Iowa. Betty was a graduate of Rolfe High School and the Iowa State Teacher's College (University of Northern Iowa). In 1952 she married Ben Westmoreland. They lived the majority of their 56 years together on a family farm north of Varina. There they raised their 5 children: Paula, Maurice, John, Jean and Joan. Betty was a hard worker; she loved teaching and life on the farm. Betty taught Latin, Reading and History for over 20 years in the Humboldt, Fonda and Lytton school districts. Her teaching skills were a gift she shared with hundreds of students. The difference she made in their lives is incalculable. During the farm crisis of the ~80s, Betty was a strong advocate for the preservation of the family farm, speaking publicly to different organizations on the importance of maintaining our rural way of life. Her voice and strength were a comfort and inspiration. Betty was an active member of the St. Columbkille's parish community in Varina, serving as a lector, lay minister and Altar Society member. She cherished her many friends there and her Catholic faith both guided and sustained her. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas in 1966, Eugenia in 1976, brother John in 2008, son John in 1977 and husband Ben in 2008. She is survived by her brother Frank of Fort Dodge, Iowa and her children Paula of Minneapolis, MN, Maurice of Albany, NY, Jean of Saint Paul, MN and Joan of Saint Paul, MN.