



Frances L. Taphorn

April 14, 1936 - March 13, 2011

Frances L. Taphorn, age 74, of Alta, Iowa and formerly of Ida Grove, Iowa died March 13, 2011 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa. Frances L. Quirin was born April 14, 1936 in Storm Lake, Iowa the daughter of Charles and Thelma (Schweizer) Quirin. She was baptized at the Emmanuel Reform Church in Schaller, Iowa and later confirmed in 1958 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ida Grove, Iowa. Growing up, she attended Hayes consolidated schools where she graduated in 1953. Following graduation, Frances worked at the Telephone office in Storm Lake. On June 2, 1956, Frances was united in marriage to Ray Taphorn at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with two sons, Allen and Keith. While Frances was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ida Grove, she sang in the church choir for 40 years, taught CCD for 18 years, was a member of the Altar Society, and was a lay minister. In 1999, she joined St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake where she sang in the Caritas choir and was a lay minister. Frances enjoyed crafts, crocheting, scrapbooking, cooking and making jewelry, and ceramics. She loved growing and arranging flowers. She treasured her family, especially her grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Ray of Alta, Iowa; children: Allen (Kris) Taphorn of Storm Lake, Iowa; Keith (Nancy) Taphorn of Aurora, Colorado; grandchildren: Erin (Dan) Nguyen; Collin Taphorn; Matthew Taphorn; Carly Taphorn; brother, Ed (Charlene) Quirin of Storm Lake, Iowa;

sisters: Margaret (Don) Binder of Alta, Iowa; Charlotte (Floyd) Binder of Rembrandt, Iowa; special lifelong friend, Susan Miller of Ida Grove, Iowa; extended family and friends. Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Thelma Quirin; parents-in-law, John and Helen Taphorn; nephew, Kent Binder.