



Marie Franzmeier

June 23, 1919 - August 3, 2011

Marie Franzmeier, age 92, of Normal, Illinois and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Heritage Manor in Normal. Marie Boettcher was born June 23, 1919 on the family home in Lincoln Township, Buena Vista County the daughter of Louis and Anna (Gerke) Boettcher. On July 6, 1919, Marie was baptized and on April 9, 1933 she was confirmed all at Zion Lutheran Church by Reverend Albrecht where she remained a lifelong member. Growing up, Marie attended country school in Grant Township until 6th grade and then finished her education at Zion Lutheran School in Grant Township. On September 17, 1942 Marie was united in marriage to William (Bill) Franzmeier at the Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska by Reverend M.E. Dorr. Together, they were blessed with one daughter, Doris. In 1943, Marie began farming with her husband in the Varina area. In 1951, they moved to the Albert City community where they continued to farm until Bill's death in 1976. Following Bill's death, Marie began working at the 3 & 71 truck stop. She later joined the food service department at Buena Vista College and worked there for 11 years until retiring in 1991 at the age of 72. Marie moved to Lakeside after leaving the farm and enjoyed caring for her home there until she moved to Lake Pointe Villa in 2007. In 2009, Marie moved to Normal, Illinois to be closer to her daughter when her health began to fail. Marie enjoyed baking and decorated many cakes including her daughter's wedding cake. She loved to embroider and quilt. She made several quilts for her grandchildren and her daughter and also for her

extended family. She enjoyed playing cards and loved to take care of her grandchildren. She treasured spending time with her family, especially traveling to both coasts to see her daughter and son-in-law. Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Doris (Roy) Davenport of Bloomington, Illinois; grandchildren: Brian (Kristen) Davenport of Bloomington, Illinois; Andrea (Adam) Rouleau of Black Earth, Wisconsin; great grandchildren: Trinity Weller, Finnley Davenport, and Hunter Rouleau; four nieces; four nephews and their families; other extended family and friends. Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; parents, Louis and Anna Boettcher; sisters and their husbands: Alma and Emil Hogrefe; Martha and Vernon Fett; sister-in-law, Edna Kisher Larsen and her husbands, Marvin and Ernie; brothers-in-law and their wives: George and Elsie Franzmeier; Henry and Velma Franzmeier; nephew, Reverend Larry Fett; and niece, Burnell Rasmussen.