



Myra Klahs

December 4, 1922 - August 20, 2013

Myra Klahs, age 90, of Storm Lake, Iowa died August 20, 2013 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Myra Kathryn Rosmann was born December 4, 1922 in Defiance, Iowa the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Rosmann. Growing up, she attended a parochial school where she graduated high school. Following high school graduation, she attended Mount St. Scholastics in Atchison, Kansas where she received her teaching certificate in Elementary Education. On October 29, 1945, Myra was united in marriage to Frank Elmer Klahs at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Defiance. Together, they were blessed with ten children: Nancy, Mary, Frank, Sandy, Debra, Georgene, Karla, Pamela, Jeff and Shelley. Myra was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake and the Merry Matrons. Myra's priority in life was ensuring that life was all about the importance of family values and enjoying special times with family and friends. She taught us all, the beauty of giving and how that, in itself, was living life to the fullest. She had a way to anticipate when someone was hungry, sad or in pain and made sure they were cared for. She taught her children patience and always encouraged her children to explore options before making decisions in life. She was compassionate in everything she enjoyed, which included playing cards, cooking, reading, sewing, gardening, and adding to her bear collection. She centered her affection upon her family and made the circle of her home, the embodiment of virtue and happiness. Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Nancy Slayton of Dallas, Texas; Mary Heber of

Waterloo, Iowa; Frank (Jan) Klahs of Storm Lake, Iowa; Sandra (Dennis) Smith of Norfolk, Nebraska; Debra (Albert) Gutierrez of Brooksville, Florida; Georgene (Frank II) Comparetto of Lakeland, Florida; Karla (Ron) Madsen of Rembrandt, Iowa; Pamela (Louis) Cerillo of Tampa, Florida; Jeff (Sara) Klahs of Long Grove, Illinois; Shelley Klahs of Ames, Iowa; grandchildren: Tammy (Robert) Green of Waterloo, Iowa; William (Paula) Heber of Walford, Iowa; Heath (Beth) Klahs of Portland, Oregon; Sarah Klahs (Mark Anthony) of Seattle, Washington; Nicholas Klahs of Storm Lake, Iowa; Kylie (Tom) Hall of San Diego, California; Kendra Smith of Denver, Colorado; Kristin (David) Jessen of Omaha, Nebraska; Dr. Alberto Gutierrez; Alexander Gutierrez; Michael Gutierrez ; James Gutierrez all of Brooksville, Florida; Nicole (Adam) Cohn of Atlanta, Georgia; Frank Jr. Comparetto of Lakeland, Florida; Maxwell Comparetto of Lakeland, Florida; Brent Madsen of Rembrandt, Iowa; Samantha Madsen of Riceville, Iowa; Jamie Madsen of Rembrandt, Iowa; Joseph, Katherine, Nicholas, and Jack Cerillo all of Tampa, Florida; Jacob, Jordan, and Caleb Klahs of Long Grove, Illinois; Taylor Steenblock of Iowa City, Iowa; Hannah and Ian Steenblock of Ames, Iowa; great grandchildren: Holly Heber of Walford, Iowa; Mara, Audra, and Eliza Hall of San Diego, California; Harper and Paxton Jessen of Omaha, Nebraska; sister, Dorothy Sonderman of Earling, Iowa; extended family and friends. Myra was preceded in death by her loving husband, F. Elmer Klahs in 1987; her parents, John and Elizabeth Rosmann; three brothers: Urban, Johnny, and Roman; and eight sisters: Addy, Elizabeth, Irene, Althea, Julia, Lynnet, Marie, and Edith.