



Zelda Gross

April 23, 1918 - December 15, 2009

Zelda Gross, age 91, of Mt. Carmel, Iowa, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Swan House Assisted Living in Carroll. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M., Friday, December 18, 2009, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Mt. Carmel. The Celebrant will be Father Joe Dillinger. Lectors will be granddaughters, Maggie Oleson, Jodi Jones, and Erin Lenz. Gift Bearers will be Dylan Gross, Cale Jones, and Robyn Clevenger. Mass Servers will be Taylor Pudenz and Rachel Vonnahme. Eucharistic Ministers will be Marie Pudenz, Jim Baumhover, and Kenny Nees. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of America will form an honor guard at the church. Casket Bearers will be Clint Jones, James Clevenger, Randy Lenz, Colby Oleson, Will Gross, and Mike Blazier. Burial will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Mt. Carmel. Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 P.M. Thursday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Thursday by the Catholic Daughters of America. There will be a Christian wake service at 6 P.M. Thursday by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. Mrs. Gross was born on April 23, 1918, at Ashton, Iowa, the daughter of John and Louise (Woerdehoff) Schoo. Her family moved to Breda in 1919 following the death of her father from the flu epidemic and she graduated from St. Bernard High School in 1935. Prior to her marriage she worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Larry Bohnenkamp in Breda. On November 8, 1943, she was married to Norbert "Nibbs" Gross at St. Bernard Church in Breda with Father Edgar Schleyer officiating. The couple farmed six miles north of Carroll. Following her husband's death in

December 1978 Zelda moved to her home in Mt. Carmel. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Parish Altar Society, and 50 year member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Mrs. Gross volunteered at the New Hope Village Store, St. Anthony Hospital coffee shop, and for 14 years at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Library. In 1987 she received the Governor's Volunteer Award. Zelda enjoyed her family, traveling, and making ceramics. Survivors include her son, Jon Gross and his wife Betty of Maple Grove, Minn.; her daughter, Deann Buddin and her husband Russ of Palmer; grandchildren, Rachael Garcia and her husband Javier of Aurora, Ill., Maggie Oleson and her husband Colby of Mahomet, Ill., Jodi Jones and her husband Clint of West Des Moines, Erin Lenz and her husband Randy of Carroll, Will Gross of Princeton, Ill., Robyn Clevenger and her husband James of West Des Moines, Mike Blazier and his wife Shiao-Li of Naperville, Ill., Lisa Mingone and her husband Mark of Nashville, Tenn., and Brian Blazier of Wayzata, Minn.; and fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert "Nibbs" Gross, in December 1978; by her parents; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Louise and Ollie Kanne, Sister Mynette Gross F.S.P.A., Ray and Marce Gross, Florence and Albert Schapman, Paul Gross, Rita and Arnold Meyer, and Mae and Herbert Pudenz.