

## Margaret West, 84

*Aug. 12, 1919 - Sept. 24, 2003*

**IRWIN** – Margaret Lucille West, daughter of Marvin Manley and Dolly Melinda Bolman Gaer, was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Kirkman, and was one of five children in the family. She was baptized at the Church of Christ in Redline. She attended school in Kirkman and graduated with the class of 1936.

Margaret married Frank West Dec. 17, 1939, at the Methodist Parsonage in Kirkman. To this union four daughters were born, Bonnie, Janis, Vicki and Roxann. After their marriage, the family joined the United Methodist Church in Irwin. They farmed in the Irwin area where Frank was also an auctioneer and Margaret worked as a clerk for the auction barn. In 1981 Frank and Margaret retired and moved to their home in Irwin. Frank died June 2, 1996. Margaret died Sept. 24, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 84 years, one month and 12 days.

Her parents; her husband, Frank; and one sister, Evelyn McConnell, preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie (Larry) Axland of Manilla; Janis Rasmussen of Irwin; Vicki (Skip) Larson of Holstein; and Roxann (Terry) Campbell of Irwin; one brother, Delbert Gaer of Manning; two sisters, Helen (Thomas) Holloway of Irwin and Donna Mae (Leonard) Kloewer of Underwood; 12 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jason Ferry, Bob Schiernbeck, Ryan Trotter, Rob Rasmussen, Jay Plagman and Seth Campbell. Casket bearers were Randy Rasmussen, Andy Larson, Dean Lorenzen, Tim Axland, Jason Larson and Lance Axland. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.