

Jeanette "Jean" Smith, 69

Jan. 13, 1934 - Sept. 3, 2003

SLOAN – Jeanette I. Smith was born Jan. 13, 1934, at Earling, the daughter of Anthony Q. and Eleanor E. (Gross) Wilwerding. She graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School, Earling, and earned several degrees: ADN at Iowa Western Community College, BSN at Buena Vista College, MA at Creighton University and was pursuing a Ph.D. in health sciences. She was a geriatric nurse. Children's International was dear to her and she took part in the Monday Night Cursillo Group. She served for a term as mayor of Sloan. She was a lifelong Catholic, served as CCD coordinator, teacher of Sacred Heart Parish in Woodbine, Youth ministry, eucharistic minister, ministry to homebound, Befriender ministry, Cana II classes and marriage preparation at St. Joseph Parish, Salix. She died Sept. 3, 2003, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 69.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jack Wilwerding. Survivors include her husband, Gene of Sloan; her children, Gale (John) Renz of Woodbine; Tony (Tammy) Sandbothe of Portland, OR; Micky (Loren) Lintner of Council Bluffs; Terry (Roger) Fjeld of Oakville; Robin (Ansar) Khan of Omaha, NE; Eric (Kris) Sandbothe of Council Bluffs; Becky (Chad) Hinze of Runnells; Toby (Michelle) Sandbothe of Middletown; and Holly Sandbothe of Sloan; 19 grandchildren; siblings, Mae (Bob) Van Maren of Kansas City, MO; Ron (Pauline) Wilwerding of Omaha, NE; Gail (Ruth) Wilwerding of Davenport; Larry (Gladys) Wilwerding of Council Bluffs; a sister-in-law, Theresa Wilwerding of Omaha, NE; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was Sept. 6, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Salix, with Father Donald J. Slaven, Father Bruce Lawler and Monsignor Mark Duchaine, celebrants. Casket bearers were Gene Smith, Tony Sandbothe, Tony Sandbothe, Jr., Toby Sandbothe, Brandon Renz and Eric Sandbothe. Rush Family Care Service, Onawa, in charge of arrangements.