

## Thelma E. Guddall Heggen

May 24, 1914 - April 6, 2007

Thelma E. Guddall Heggen was born in Thor, Iowa, to Sam and Minnie Guddall. She grew up in Thor along with her two brothers and two sisters. Thelma graduated from Eagle Grove High School. After graduation, she worked with her dad at his general store in Thor.

In 1936, Thelma married Joe Heggen, who grew up near Renwick, Iowa. In 1937, they moved to Seattle. They lived in Washington and Montana. In 1950, they returned to Iowa. They lived on the Heggen family farm, then moved to Renwick, State Center, and Colfax with Joe's work in the hybrid seed corn industry. In 1977, they relocated to Kansas. In each new community, they found a Lutheran Church to call their home.

Thelma was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and a friend to so many. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, needlework, and traveling throughout the U.S. with Joe, visiting 49 of the 50 states. Their travels also included Canada, Hawaii and Mexico.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Ted and Clifford, her sisters, Ruby and Luella, and her husband of over 65 years, Joe.

She is survived by the following children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

son Paul

Paula

daughter Ruby and husband Joe Martinez

Joseph and wife Sherry Martinez

Sarah and Joseph Martinez and Andrew Galvan

Lisa and husband Brandon Richardson

Darren and Alyssa Richardson

son John and wife Susan

Evan and wife Janet

Anne and husband Steve Becknell

Margaret

daughter Janet and husband John Hawkins

Jill and husband Roger Lutz

Ryan

Matthew

In these past few months, Thelma (a lifelong Lutheran) received wonderful care from Catholic Community Hospice. We are grateful to them for their help and understanding.