

Obituary

Bernadine Josephine Leahy, the daughter of Herbert and Margaret Neubauer Kline, was born at Paxton, Minnesota, on January 13, 1909 and passed away at the Remington Heights Retirement Center, Omaha, Nebraska, on Friday, August 2, 2002 at the age of 93.

After graduating from high school in Pine River, Minnesota, she worked in Shenandoah at Henry Field's Seed Company. When workers were laid off for awhile, Bernadine worked as secretary in the school superintendent's office. Later she joined her sister who lived in Minneapolis and went to work providing home health care. She enjoyed this kind of work as she had frequently thought about becoming a nurse.

Bernadine returned to Shenandoah and Henry Field where she did office work. She would meet her husband John Leahy at a church dance. After several years of dating, they were married on May 27, 1944 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah and had four children, David, Herbert, Margaret and Richard.

They raised their family on the farm where there wasn't much spare time. Bernadine loved to crochet and raise chickens which she dressed and sold. She and her husband played cards during the winter months. She was also active in the Regina Guild at St. Mary's Catholic Church. When her children were older Bernadine went back to work for Henry Field. After her husband John passed away on April 14, 1981, she continued to live in her home for nine years before moving to Omaha. She moved later to Arizona for 4 1/2 years where she stayed with her daughter. She missed the change of seasons and returned to Omaha moving into Remington Heights Retirement Center.

Bernadine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, sisters Florence and Lida. Survivors include her children David Leahy and wife Janet of Janesville, Wisconsin, Herbert Leahy and wife Judy of Omaha, Nebraska, Margaret Robertson and husband Bob of Phoenix, Arizona, Richard Leahy and wife Debbie of Phoenix, Arizona; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; also surviving are a sister, Madeline Williams of Hellenale Beach, Florida, and a brother, Franklin J. Kline of Monticello, Minnesota, a host of relatives and friends.

*After the services at the cemetery you are cordially invited to the church hall for a luncheon with the family*