



Margaret A. McGowan

October 25, 1939 - January 9, 2014

Margaret (Marge) McGowan, 74, was born October 25th, 1939 in Rulo, Nebraska to Grace (Saylor) and Elmer Zimmerman, the firstborn of three children. Marge passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 9th, 2014 in Geneva, Nebraska. She spent the majority of her childhood years in Fairmont, Nebraska, graduating as valedictorian of her Fairmont High School class in 1958. In 1959, she married James McGowan, Jr. and to them one daughter, Theresa Ann, (Teri), was born.

Declining an offer to attend college, Marge continued to live in Fairmont many of her adult years, performing various jobs throughout her life when well enough to do so. Upon moving to Geneva in 1984, she found her most rewarding position as that of a caregiver to children. In her 40's, she also found a new passion - crocheting - and many a family has an afghan as a testament to her skill and creativity.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Kenneth Zimmerman. She is survived by her daughter, Teri (Rowdy) Yates of Clay Center, Nebraska, grandchildren Shannon Yates and fiancé Ryan Happold of Doniphan, Nebraska, Sgt. Ryan Yates of Camp Pendleton, California, and Brooke (Michael) Braun of Omaha, Nebraska. sister Barb Engelbrecht (Scott) of York, Nebraska, and sister-in-law Maxine (Jim) Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as one niece and three nephews.

Memorial services for Margaret will be on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Kim Dunker will be officiating the services. Inurnment will take place following memorial service in the Fairmont Public Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the Fairmont Community Club Pool Park Project.