

Obituary
Joy M. Matejka

Joy Maxine Matejka was born June 23, 1925 on a farm in Nemaha County near Peru, Nebraska to William Jennings Bryan and Virginia (Rhinehart) Weddle, the third of five children and died suddenly Thursday, November 15, 2007, at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 23 days. As a young girl, Joy attended Rosefield Country School and graduated with the Class of 1942 from Peru High School. She then furthered her education by attending Peru State College for a year. Joy was united in marriage on August 20, 1943 in Lincoln at St. Mark's Methodist Church to Lyman E. Eurich and to this union five children, Janet, Linda, John, James and Larry were born.

Joy and Lyman made their home on a farm south and west of Friend where she was a busy mother, housewife, and farm helper to Lyman. In 1965, Lyman died suddenly and Joy moved into Friend, purchased a home and worked at the Friend Annex. There, she met Alfred Matejka and they were united in marriage on March 29, 1971 in Columbus. Joy, once again became a busy farm wife. Joy was a good cook - she enjoyed raising vegetables and flower gardens every year. She was a loving and caring lady, fun to be around and exhibited a great sense of humor. For many years, Joy has kept a daily diary which her family will enjoy and which was always a source of confirming information. In later years, she and Alfred enjoyed some area trips and she shared many wonderful memories of a trip to Scotland, Switzerland and other European countries.

Joy is survived by her husband, Alfred, Milligan, daughters, Janet Hansen, Fallston, Md., Linda Hamelin, Lincoln, son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Eurich, Papillion, daughter-in-law, Pat Eurich, Friend, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, 14 step-great-grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law, Ross and Cynthia Weddle, DuBois Neb., sisters-in-law, Esther Deterding, Exeter, Clara Witter and Lena Burkhardt, Crete, Lillian Bowers, Topeka, Kan., Ida Weddle, Peru, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lyman in 1965, her sons, James in 1948 and John in 2004, a son-in-law, Chris Hansen in 2006, a brother, Glen Weddle, two sisters, June McConnaughey and Jane Weddle, brothers-in-law, Albert, Franklin, and Conrad Eurich, sisters-in-law, Irene Gifford, Frieda Keller, Ruth Suhr, Molly Nunn, Georgie Pracheil, Helen Romero and Rose Matejka.

A Funeral Service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the United Church of Christ, Friend, with the Revs. Virginia and Tim Adams officiating. Interment was in Turkey Creek Cemetery, rural Friend. Visitation was on Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, November 19, 2007 from 9 a.m. - noon at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend. Also one hour before service at the church on Monday. Memorials have been established and are directed in care of the family. Shirley Milton, organist, accompanied the men's quartet of Paul Ramp, Everett Stewart, Tom Weber, and Willard Johansen as they sang "Peace In The Valley" and "On The Wings of A Snow White Dove". The song "I'll Leave This World Loving You" was played on the CD. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend.

Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermoore.com.