

Sarah L. Michalek, 83

Sarah L. Michalek, 83, of Victor, died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 13, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor with Rev. Brian J. Shepley officiating. Pallbearers were Alan Michalek, Kevin Michalek, Steve Michalek, Chris DeMeyer, Rob DeMeyer, and Robert DeMeyer. Honorary bearers were Brian Michalek and Jeremiah Michalek. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to Camp Courageous. Online condolences may be submitted to the Michalek family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com <[http](http://www.smithfh.com).

Sarah was born the daughter of Frank and Anna Wherry Benesh on May 11, 1923, near Guernsey. She was raised on the family farm near Guernsey and educated at Guernsey schools.

She was married to Donald R. Michalek on June 7, 1941, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Kirksville, Mo. To this union were born their children, David, Daniel, Diana, Douglas and Susan. The couple farmed together east of Victor for much of their lives. Following their retirement the couple moved to Victor in 1971.

Sarah was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor. Her grandchildren brought her much joy and happiness. She often looked forward to family gatherings, where she would show her talents of being an excellent cook; making fish, chicken, steak and potatoes. She enjoyed quilting and made each grandchild their own quilt. She was a green thumb who spent many hours landscaping and tending to her flowers. She held a special love for her furry companion "Puddin."

Sarah is survived by her children, David (Becky) Michalek of East Moline, Ill., Daniel (Mary) Michalek of Bettendorf, Diana (Robert) DeMeyer of Davenport, Douglas (Susan) Michalek of Victor, and Susan Michalek and her husband Mark Harrison of Minneapolis, Minn.; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; and her brother Loyal Benesh of Brooklyn.

Sarah was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Donald on September 19, 2001; and her sister Dorothy Benesh on December 19, 2004.



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