Ruth M. Manatt

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The Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday morning, Aug. 31, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, for Mrs. Ruth M. Manatt, 69, of Brooklyn, who died Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999, at University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City.

The Rev. Maynard Brothersen officiated. Deacon of the Mass was Deacon William Olson, and musician was Angie Hawkins. Flower attendants were Joyce Morgan and Betty Osborn.

Honorary casket bearers were Sarah Manatt, Kelsey Merical, Tiffany Manatt, Lacey Doolin and Ashlee Doolin. Casket bearers were Adam Manatt, Sean Manatt, Brian Manatt, Greg Manatt, Craig Manatt, Ben Merical, Robert Manatt and Erik Manatt.

Rosary services were held Monday evening, Aug. 30, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn, Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Ruth M. Backen Manatt, daughter of John Peter Otto Backen and Wilhelmina Dorothea Wiese Backen, was born July 21, 1930, near Tama. She was a graduate of Tama High School.

On Nov. 27, 1952, she was married to Clair Eugene Manatt at Kingsville, Texas. They moved to Brooklyn in 1954. Mr. Manatt died Oct. 31, 1962.

Ruth was a bookkeeper at Brooklyn 80 AMOCO and was a clerk for Donald Brannian's auctions.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society, and Frances Gallagher American Legion Auxiliary. She did volunteer work at Brookhaven Nursing Home.

She was preceded by her parents, her husband, two brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are five sons, Mike Manatt, and his wife, JoAnn, of Brooklyn, Curt Manatt of Johnston, Alan Manatt, and his wife, Janet, of Tama, Jerry Manatt of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Tom Manatt, and his wife, Linda, of Ames; two daughters and their husbands. Ann and Doug Doolin of Hayden, Colo., and Mary and Barry Kinsey of Lucas; her longtime friend, Don Brannian of Brooklyn; two sisters, Clara Reeder of Tama and Irma Vail of Albany, Ore.; and 18 grandchildren.

A memorial fund has been established.

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