

Fitzgerald Clara Francis

MARCH 9, 2000 (Dankbar)

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Clara Francis Fitzgerald was born in Haverhill to Henry and Elizabeth (Pille) Dankbar. She married James M. Fitzgerald Feb. 5, 1940, in Haverhill. She was a resident of Colo for many years. She was employed as a nurses' aide for 25 years at the State Center Manor in State Center. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colo, Church circle, Hi-Lo Club and CLC Card Club. She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, traveling, playing cards and her family.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Fitzgerald of West Des Moines and Paul Fitzgerald of Colo; three daughters, Phyllis Kaufman of Gray's Summit, Mo., Janice Boyd of Bettendorf and Donna Whitney of Clive; 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; a brother, Roman Dankbar of Ames; two sisters, Betty Myers of Marshalltown and Henrietta Trowbridge of Tulsa, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Feb. 20, 1986; a son, Daniel Fitzgerald on May 8, 1998; four brothers and four sisters.

A visitation will be held Saturday after 4 p.m. with the family present from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. at Chet Ryan Mortuary.

A memorial fund has been established.

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