



Thelma Thalken-Cowdery

September 27, 1921 – September 21, 2012

Thelma Thalken-Cowdery, 90, of Denver and formerly of Ogallala, died Friday, September 21, 2012 in Orchard Park Care Center in Centennial, Colo.

Thelma was born September 27, 1921 in Milford, Nebr., the daughter Albert and Maude Hageman. She attended elementary schools in Ogallala and graduated from Ogallala High School in 1939.



On November 3, 1939 Thelma married Charles R. "Rob" Thalken. The couple resided in the Ogallala area with their four children until Rob's death in 1960. They were members of St. Lukes Catholic Church. She moved to Denver in 1961.

Thelma married Bruce Cowdery in California in 1967. They resided in California and in Arizona and then moved to Denver in 1984.

Preceding her in death were her husbands Charles R. Thalken and Bruce D. Cowdery; one brother Lester Hageman, two sisters Marjorie Steffen and Vivian Watkins, and one son-in-law Edward C. Brandorff.

Survivors include her children: Richard J. (Jean) Thalken and Mary Ann Brandorff, all of Denver. Kathleen M. (Dale) Weides of Highlands Ranch, Colo; and Charles R. "Bob" Thalken and his wife Kathryn of Aurora, Colo. Also seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Rosary and Memorial Service was held in Centennial, Colo. on Monday, September 24, for those not able to attend the Ogallala service.

A Wake and Rosary will be Wednesday, September 26, at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Funeral Service at 10 a.m. in the Draucker Funeral Home. Rev. Mark Pfiesser of the Mother of Sorrows Church in Grant will officiate. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to the time of the Service in Draucker Funeral Home.

Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery. A memorial has been established for St. Lukes Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.