

Laura Alice Vest, 85

1983

IRWIN — Laura Alice Vest, daughter of Thomas Minor and Nellie Jane Haskins McGee was born Nov. 15, 1897, on a farm in Douglas twp., Shelby co. As a young girl she moved with her parents to Casey. This is where she attended country school for six years.

On Jan. 16, 1916 she married Everett Vest in Irwin. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage they lived in the Defiance and Irwin area for many years. After Mr Vest's death on May 5, 1944, she continued to make her home in Defiance, until 1950 when she moved to Irwin. This has been her home since that time. She died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1983 at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Everett; twin grand-daughters Sally and Susan Murray; one great-grandson Brandon Vest; three sisters Bessie, Eva and Ethel; three brothers an infant boy, Elmer and Joseph; also one son Howard. She is survived by two sons Dale of Co. Bluffs; and Gene of Perry; one daughter June (Mrs Walter) Murray of Irwin; brothers Herbert McGee of Springfield, Mo., and Harry McGee of Madrid; three sisters Nora (Mrs Martin) Nelson of Wisc., Edith (Mrs George) Plumb of Co. Bluffs; and Nellie (Mrs Glen) Phillips of Bakersfield, Calif.; ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 14, 1983 with Rev. Leon Wallace of the United Methodist church of Irwin, officiating.

Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin, with Allan R. Thompson, Kenneth Pedersen, Rollin H. Kuhl, Don Ferry, Bud Knudson and John Villegas serving as casketbearers.