

## Mary Bruhn, 84

*Jan. 29, 1920 - Sept. 24, 2004*

**MANNING** — Minnie Mary, daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Vogt) Fredericks, was born Jan. 29, 1920, in Hanover Township, Crawford County. She was baptized and confirmed at Hanover Lutheran Church near Charter Oak. She attended rural school and then remained at home to help around the house after the death of her mother.

Aug. 27, 1937, Mary married Ernest Bohlmann. Six children were born to this union. The family lived in Crawford County.

Mary married George Bruhn July 30, 1960. She helped raise George's five children as his wife had died while the children were quite young. The combined family lived in Audubon County until 1975 when they moved to Irwin. Mary was a homemaker all her life. After the death of her husband Nov. 2, 1978, she moved to Gray and in the early 1990's moved to Manning. She was a member of the Lutheran Church wherever she lived. Mary had been in failing health for a couple years before she suffered a massive stroke. She died several days later Sept. 24, 2004, at the Manning Regional Healthcare Center, Manning, at age 84 years, seven months and 26 days.

Preceding Mary in death are both her husbands; parents; three brothers, LeRoy, in infancy, Harry and William Fredericks; and one sister, Laura Huebner. She is survived by her six children, JoAnn (John) Villegas of Irwin; David Bohlmann (Joene) of Dedham; Larry Bohlmann (Alice) of Sunsites, AZ; Jerry Bohlmann (Mary) of Arvada, CO; Rickie Bohlmann (Tauna) of Audubon; and Kathy Bohlmann and special friend, Steve Hoyt of Elk Horn; five stepchildren, Willis Bruhn (Dawn) of Audubon; Orrin Bruhn (Carol) of Irwin; Susan (Michael) Lapham of Baker, LA; Edward Bruhn (Veronica) of Santee, CA; and Russel Bruhn (Bev) of Audubon; 36 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marie (Vernon) Greder of Buck Grove and Helen (Ray) Sturill of South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Ella Fredericks Bravard of Alta; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 28, 2004 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Manning, with Rev. Daniel Vogel officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Casket bearers were Ora Weston, Todd Nelsen, Tony Barton, Shane Bohlmann, Barry Cressler and Shawn Bohlmann. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.