

Blondina Carstens, 89

April 10, 1911 – July 1, 2000

MANNING – Blondina Leanna Christina, daughter of John and Caroline Petersen Grimm, was born April 10, 1911, near Manning, Carroll County. The family moved to a farm in Crawford County near Aspinwall, where she attended rural school. She graduated from Manning High School in 1928.

Aug. 21, 1932, she married Harry Carstens. Three children were born to this union. She worked for several companies in Manning, before her longtime employment with Manning Creamery Company. During her retirement, she worked at the Corner Café for many years. Blondina was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Manning where she had been baptized and confirmed. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary. In January of 1999, she suffered a stroke and her health began to decline at that time. She entered the Manning Plaza in March of 1999. After surgery and a short stay at the Manning Regional Healthcare Center, she died there July 1, 2000, at age 89 years, two months and 21 days.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Karen Wiebers; and sister and brother-in-law, Naemi and Julius Schroeder. She is survived by two sons, Lenny Carstens (Sheryl) of Co. Bluffs and Kenard Carstens (Vicki) of Harlan; son-in-law, Robert Wiebers of Parkville, MO; five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 5, 2000, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, with Pastor Daniel Vogel and Pastor Curt Dwyer officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Greg and Rhorda Wiebers, Ryan and Sue Wiebers, John and Jill Faust, Coby Carstens and Kara Carstens. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.