

Gladys Irene Grage, 85 ✓

May 26, 1912 - July 30, 1997

KIRKMAN - Gladys Irene Grage, daughter of Noah and Pearl (Ames) Ferry, was born May 26, 1912, west of Kirkman. She attended school in Kirkman.

Sept. 15, 1935, in Manilla, she married Leo Grage. To this union one daughter was born. The couple farmed in the Kirkman area for many years. She worked as a Kirkman and Harlan telephone operator for 9 1/2 years. She was also a correspondent for the Harlan Newspapers for over 20 years. Gladys moved to the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca, March 11, 1996. She died July 30, 1997, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 85 years, two months and four days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Leo Nov. 24, 1992; two sisters, Evelyn Ferry (in infancy) and Grace Nelson, and two brothers, Thurlow Ferry (in infancy) and Wayne Ferry. Survivors include one daughter, Mariene Akers of Irwin; one brother, Elwyn Ferry of Walnut; two sisters, Darlene Nelson of Klamath Falls, OR and Arlene West of Tabor; three grandchildren, Allan Akers and Kevin (Melissa) Grage both of Lena, LA and Kim (Kevin) Ritchey of Manilla; one great granddaughter, Ashley Grage of Lena, LA, and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Aug. 2, 1997, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman, with Pastor Sidney Flack of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin officiating. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

