

Modesta Green, 91

June 28, 1915 - Sept. 26, 2006

SPENCER — Modesta Marceline Green, daughter of Peter and Anna Ohlinger Leinen, was born June 28, 1915, in Portsmouth. Her childhood years were spent in Portsmouth, where she received her education, graduating from Portsmouth High School.

Modesta married Claude Green Jan. 25, 1937, in Harlan. Following their marriage, they lived in Harlan, where she worked for several years as a secretary for a rendering company. In 1954, they moved to Spencer, where she was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Mission Group, the V.F.W., the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Hospital Auxiliary and was a volunteer at Longhouse Residence, RSVP and the Spencer Senior Center. She was a co-chairman of the Clay County Easter Seal Foundation, was Citizen of the Year in 1975, and was a member of the National AARP and the Central N.W. Iowa AARP Chapter #3365. She died at the Spencer Hospital Sept. 26, 2006, at age 91.

Modesta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Claude, Dec. 21, 1989; 12 sisters and brothers and seven half sisters and brothers. She is survived one daughter, Karen Auchampach of Ventura; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Clara Petersen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, with Father Ed Murray celebrating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Spencer. Casket bearers were Greg Foote, Joseph Leinen, Gerald Gubbels, Richard Leinen, Vernon Gubbels and Jay Prather. Warner Funeral Home in Spencer in charge of arrangements.