

Minerva Gubbels, 93

Dec. 11, 1912 - April 17, 2006

HARLAN — Minerva B. Gubbels, the daughter of Chris M. and Anna Marie (Hartvigsen) Juel, was born Dec. 11, 1912, in Kimballton. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Minerva attended country school east of Kimballton at Sharon No. 6. Upon receiving her education, she helped out on the family farm.

March 12, 1935, Minerva married Henry Andersen at Kimballton. After their marriage, they farmed near Elk Horn. Two children were born to this union, Shirlyn and Dennis. In 1968, they moved to Harlan, where she was employed at West Ridge Elementary School as a cook. She retired at age 65 and took care of Henry. After his death, she helped Dennis on the farm.

Sept. 9, 1989, Minerva married Alvin Gubbels at St. Michael's Catholic Church. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Harlan. Alvin died March 30, 1991. In December of 2003, she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. It was there that she died April 17, 2006, at age 93 years, four months and six days.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Henry and Alvin, Minerva was preceded in death by her daughter, Shirlyn; and her husband, Rex Reser; her brothers and sisters, Goldie Ebert and her husband, Ted; Hartvig Juel and his wife, Ora; Folmer Juel and his wife, Elsie; and her brothers-in-law, Everett Johansen and Waldo Johansen. Survivors include her son, Dennis Andersen (Joann) of Oakland; her stepchildren, Craig Gubbels of Earling; Tom Gubbels of Harlan; Kim (Al) Norris of Omaha, NE; Gail Gubbels (Deb) of Yankton, SD; Clay Gubbels (Diane) of Carroll; five grandchildren, Michael, Mark and Kurt Reser, Linda Laughlin and Nancy Johnson; seven step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, John and Meighan Laughlin; Brett, Anna, Jacob, Matthew and Stephanie Reser, and Amy Brownfield; sisters, Bernice Johansen of Audubon; Frances Johansen of Harlan; two special friends, Lois McElderry and Wava Bails; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton, with Howard and Dorothy Andersen and Raymond Hansen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Mike Reser, Mark Reser, Kurt Reser, Craig Gubbels, Thomas G. Gubbels, Clay Gubbels, Matt Reser, Joe Johnson, and Gail Gubbels. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

