

Verlee (Muller) Harms, 91

April 28, 1907 - Nov. 1, 1998

MANILLA - Carrie Verlee (Muller) Harms, daughter of William and Samantha (Custer) Dewey, was born April 28, 1907, in Bosworth, MO. She attended Bosworth Public School and grew to adulthood in Bosworth.

May 5, 1927, she married Paul Muller who died in 1962. In January of 1967, she married Henry Harms of West Bend, who is also deceased. Verlee was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church of West Bend. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, Lutheran Guild and Ladies Aid. Nov. 1, 1998 she died at the Manilla Manor at age 91 years, five months and four days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands; a brother, William Dewey, and a sister, Cecil Fears. Survivors include her five daughters, Marjorie (Leroy) Poire of Jefferson City, MO; Dorene Miller of Tucson, AZ; Louise (William) Ahrenholtz of Defiance; Faye Nielsen of Harlan and Mary Mohr of Spencer; a stepdaughter, Eileen Gibson of Louisiana, MO; 25 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren and five step great great grandchildren; her brother, Howard Dewey of Independence, MO; her sister, Hazel Blair of Audubon, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in Union Township Cemetery in Defiance, with Verlee's grandchildren and great grandchildren honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Riche Poire, Ronnie Poire, David Poire, Jerry Ahrenholtz, Tom Mohr, Keith Ahrenholtz, Steve Ahrenholtz and Jeff Nielsen.

