

Juanita Jans, 82

Jan. 12, 1919 - Sept. 12, 2001

REINBECK – Juanita P. Jans was born Jan. 12, 1919, in Frenchlick, IN, the oldest daughter of William Elwood and Alta Pearl (Marlette) McBride. She grew up in the Dike area and graduated from the Dike Consolidated High School.

Dec. 26, 1941, she married Vernon C. Jans. The couple farmed for 22 years in the Dike and Reinbeck area. Following Vernon's back injury in 1961, the couple retired from farming and moved to Harlan, where Vernon accepted a position with the insurance division of Farm Bureau. Upon retirement in 1979 they spent their winters in Mesa, AZ. In 1992 they made Mesa, AZ, their permanent home. Vernon died Jan. 15, 1995, in Mesa, AZ. In 1998, Juanita moved to Gardner, KS to be closer to her daughter. She was a member of Farm Bureau and she had been active in the Lions Club of Harlan. She died Sept. 12, 2001, of natural causes at the Royal Terrace Nursing Care Center in Olathe, KS, at age 82.



In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by two infant daughters, Carolyn and Susan, and a brother, William McBride, Jr. Surviving is a daughter, Barbara Lorraine (Jim) Morse of Gardner, KS; a son, Leland John Jans of Lafayette, LA; two sisters, Geneva (Gordon) McCallum of Cedar Rapids and Beth (Jim) Hall of Chehalis, WA; two brothers, Ivan (Barbara) McBride of Chatham, IL and Gene (Esther) McBride of Independence; three grandchildren, Teresa Jans of St. Joseph, MO; Mike (Carolynn) Blum of Leesville, LA and Bruce (Carolyn) Blum of Harlan, and two great grandchildren, Mikayla and Alex Blum of Harlan; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18, 2001, at the Hand Funeral Home Chapel in Reinbeck, with Rev. Dave Nolte of the United Methodist Church, Reinbeck, officiating. Burial was in the Reinbeck Cemetery.