

Mildred Larsen, 81

Sept. 6, 1922 - Dec. 12, 2003

ATLANTIC — Mildred M. Larsen was born Sept. 6, 1922, to Charley Niels and Clara Petersen Hansen on a farm west of Exira. She grew up in Exira and graduated from the Exira High School in 1939 and attended one more year as a post graduate. She taught country school in Pymosa and Grove Townships in Cass County.

She married Emmert Martinus Larsen and they farmed north of Kimballton until moving to Atlantic in 1946. After Emmert's death, Mildred sold the home place and moved to Lewis in 1987. She was a longtime employee of the Van Cleaves for both Van & Bob Van Cleave at Van's Chat and Chew Restaurant on West Seventh Street and Bob and Pat Van Cleave's Downtowner Cafe in Atlantic. She was instrumental in implementing the first handicap classes in Atlantic and also had worked at West Central Development Corporation retiring in 1998. Mildred was a member of the Lewis United Congregational Methodist Church, AmVets Auxiliary and the Lewis Booster Club. She also dressed dolls for the Christmas toy give-away and served as a Hitchcock House volunteer and also served on the West Central Development Board of Directors. She died Dec. 12, 2003, at the Exira Care Center in Exira, at age 81 years.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Emmert; her granddaughter, Stacey Ann Swisher; her sisters, Virginia Hansen and Mary Ann Hood; and her brother, Charles Hansen. Survivors include her five daughters, Barbara Macke of Wymore, NE; Bonnie (Kevin) Archibald of Atlantic; Pamela Shannon of Waukee; June Rush of Council Bluffs; and Joan (Mike) Ridgway of Colorado Springs, CO; one son, Rick Larsen (Jolene) of Atlantic; 11 grandchildren, Heather Ann (Brian) Sandstrom, J.K. Shannon, Sarah Elizabeth Shannon, Brittany Marie Ridgway, Amanda Rochelle Rush, Betsy Jo Larsen, Heath Wyatt Larsen, Ryan Keith Archibald (Carla), Aaron Brent Archibald, Brooke Kristyne Archibald (Jason) Watson, and Jonathan Martinus Macke; six great grandchildren, Cody Alexander Sandstrom and Carson Reese Sandstrom and Jacinda Lee Shannon, Tyler W.L. Archibald, Sage K.M. Archibald and Reagan Natalie Watson; two sisters, Charlene Davis and special friend, Earl Rasmussen of Council Bluffs, and Alice Hood (C.B.) of Overland Park, KS; one sister-in-law, Mary Larsen of Danville; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held Dec. 17, 2003, at the Lewis United Congregational Church with Rev. Sharon Guffy-Lewis officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Rolands Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.