

Mabel Nelson, 99

Nov. 27, 1898 - Dec. 27, 1997

MINDEN - Mabel Viola Nelson was born in Fairview Township, Shelby County Nov. 27, 1898, daughter of Ernest and Mathilda Bees Hansen. She was one of five children in the family. She attended country school through the 8th grade. Her parents decided that she needed to stay home and help on the farm.

She married Wilbert E. Nelson Jan. 5, 1921 at Avoca. They were the parents of one daughter, Verlee. They farmed in the Avoca, Corley and Walnut areas. In 1962, they retired from the farm and moved to Minden. Wilbert died July 25, 1962. Mabel continued living in Minden until June of 1984, when she moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. In August of this year she became a resident of the Risen Son Christian Village in Co. Bluffs. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Minden and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 27, 1997, at age 99 years and one month.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert; two brothers, Wilbert Hansen and Elmer Hansen; two sisters, Ella Sornsen and Edna Kuhr. She is survived by her daughter, Verlee (Leo) Clements of Co. Bluffs; three grandchildren, Larry Neff (Jeanette); Twyla (Leon) Warneke, all living in Co. Bluffs; Luanne (Ralph) Watson of Eugene, OR; four step grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; several step great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; several step great great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Belva Hansen of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31, 1997, at the United Church of Christ, Minden, with Rev. Richard Hempenius and Rev. David Erickson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Scott Bullock, Steven Bullock and Michael Bullock. Casket bearers were Brian Warneke, Mike Warneke, Shannon Snipes, Mark Warneke, Jeff Hanke and Richard Lee. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.