

Marie Ehlers Terwilleger, 96

Jan. 24, 1904 – July 4, 2000

MANILLA – Marie Wilhelmina, daughter of John and Josephine Krauel Ehlers, was born Jan. 24, 1904, near Manilla. She attended country school until 1914, when her family moved into Manilla and she continued her school in town. She was confirmed March 24, 1918.

She married Frank "Jake" Terwilleger of Defiance May 24, 1922, at Harlan. Four daughters were born to this union. Marie lived most of her life in Manilla where she was a homemaker. Her husband died in 1987, and she continued to live in their home. She became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home Nov. 14, 1995. Her health had been declining and she died July 4, 2000, at the Manilla Manor at age 96 years, five months and 10 days.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ida Lahndorf and Lillie Olson; and two brothers, Bill Ehlers and Herman Ehlers. She is survived by four daughters, Delores (Harvey) Christensen of Manilla; Virginia (Robert) Domayer of Omaha, NE; Jerrie Ossino of Stockton, CA and Karen (Wayne) Lawrence of Columbia, SC; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2000, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla, with Lay Speaker Aaron Terwilleger, United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, rural Manilla. Casket bearers were Dennis Christensen, Michael Domayer, James Domayer, Barry Christensen, David Domayer and Craig Grau.