

Dorothy McConnell Thomas, 75

July 31, 1928 - Feb. 10, 2004

NEOLA – Dorothy McConnell Thomas was born July 31, 1928, to Alma and Ruth (Moore) Arbaugh at Mondamin. She graduated from the Persia High School in 1945. She had resided in Moorhead and in Council Bluffs from 1975 to 1995. She had resided in Neola since 1995. She worked as a cashier at Osco Drug for 25+ years retiring in 1993. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Boomer Township and the American Legion Auxilliary #251 in Duluth, GA. She died at her home in Neola, Feb. 10, 2004, at age 75 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas McConnell, Sr., in 1990, and one brother and one sister. She is survived by her husband, Donald Thomas of Neola; five daughters, Bev (Jim) McConnell-Rooney of Duluth, GA; Nancy McConnell and friend, Becci Hogan of Phoenix, AZ; Judy (Chuck) Sivard of Council Bluffs; Vicki (Al) Corum of Council Bluffs; and Sandy (Tom) Holland of Audubon; two sons, Thomas (Gabriel) McConnell, Jr. of Stevens Point, WI and Robert (Twyla) McConnell of Defiance; 14 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; stepdaughters, Wanda (Jerry) Thielen of Okobojo and Debbie (Bobby) Spencer of Logan; stepsons, Gary Thomas of Council Bluffs and Terry (Brenda) Thomas of Neola; sister, Cleo (Norman) Elias of Persia; one brother, Edward (Jaque) Arbaugh of Auburn, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 2004, at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Chapel in Council Bluffs, with the Rev. Charles Bichel of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Boomer Township officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.