

1984 **Edith Messerschmidt, 74**

Edith Maureen Messerschmidt was born near Avoca on Aug. 13, 1909. She was the daughter of James and Lulu Robinson Randall. She was one of ten children in the family. She attended school in Avoca graduating from the Avoca high school in 1927.

She married Herman Messerschmidt on Sept. 5, 1928 at Harlan. They were the parents of two children, Joyce and Eugene. They lived in the Avoca and Shelby areas until 1941 when they moved to Shelby, where Herman operated a plumbing business. Following their retirement they continued to live in Shelby where they were members of the Shelby Methodist church.

She died on Monday, April 16, 1984 at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs at the age of 74 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Thornton and Murray. Survivors include her husband, Herman of Shelby; one daughter, Joyce (Mrs Edward) DeLozier of Dunlap; a son Eugene of Mesa, Ariz., eight grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Kathleen Gross, Avoca, Helen Bresee, Oakland, Mrs Paul (Marion) Much of Neola, Mrs Laurence Muhs, Neola, Laura Henderson, Lauree Henderson, Co. Bluffs; three brothers, Wallace, Avoca, Bernard, Omaha, Richard Randall and other relatives.

Services were held Thursday, April 19 at United Methodist church, in Avoca, with Rev. Russell Vanderhoef, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery.