

## MABEL N. MONSON

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Mabel Nora Monson, the daughter of George and Julia (Thompson) Nelson was born on February 21, 1889 on a farm near Irwin, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, Iowa. Mabel grew up on her parents farm, near Irwin, and attended rural schools in Polk Township. At the age of 15 she assumed the responsibility of church organist, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, for 50 years.

On February 5, 1908 Mabel was united in marriage to Cyrus Edward Monson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Four children were born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Monson farmed near Irwin for 32 years until Mr. Monson's death on August 16, 1937. Mabel continued to live on the farm until March at 1940 when she moved into Irwin. After moving to Irwin Mabel became a Practical Nurse and cared for her grandparents, in her home, until their deaths. She then helped establish the hot lunch program for the Irwin School. Mabel worked with food preparation for four years. At this time she started a nursing home which gave her the responsibility for 20 residents. She continued operating the nursing home until her retirement in 1979. On November 14, 1980, Mabel became a resident of a

Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Iowa.

Mabel was a long time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, Iowa.

On Monday, February 3, 1986, Mabel died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Iowa, 18 days before her 97th Birthday.

Along with her parents and husband, Cyrus, Mabel was preceded in death by one daughter Fern Paulson; two sons Edwin and Cyrus Jr.; and two sisters Clara and Clara Gertrude; and twin great grandsons.

She is survived by one daughter Alma (Mrs. Gail) Wardrip of Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildre; one step-grandson-Dr. John Jans; 12 great grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; two sisters Grace Rushenberg of Harlan, Iowa and Emma Stockland of Cosmos, Minnesota; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, February 6, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, Iowa with Pastor Tim Zingale officiating.

Interment was in the Danway Cemetery, Shelby County, Iowa with Cyrus Monson, Eugene Monson, Cyrus Monson Jr., Jason Monson, Marty Monson and Orlin "Buck" Pauley serving as casket bearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Iowa was in charge of the arrangements.