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## Thelma Axland, 89

July 7, 1905 - Jan. 13, 1995

Irwin - Thelma Axland, daughter of Torres and Ingeborg (Gjarde) Voagen was born July 7, 1905 in Centerville, SD. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on a SD farm. Being a child of immigrant parents, she was fluent in Norwegian.

June 20, 1930 she married Theodore Axland, of Irwin. They became the parents of three children; two daughters and one son. They farmed in the Irwin area for over 45 years. She was a life-long Lutheran and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for 65 years. They moved from the farm to Irwin in 1976. She lived in Irwin until she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Horne in Elk Horn in 1984 where she died Jan. 13, 1995.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1977, and one sister Gertrude Duke. She is survived by her three children, Clarice (Don) Andersen, of Harlan, Ted (Nancy) of Overland Park, KS and Linda Erickson of Omaha, NE, seven grandchildren; three great-



grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 1995 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Rev. Sidney Flack officiating. Burial was in Danway cemetery with Susan Marin, Marsha Larson, Richard Andersen, Carolyn Finegan, Ann Erickson, Julie Axland and David Axland casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.