

Ruth Ahrendsen, 93 ✓

Sept. 28, 1913 - May 10, 2007

MANNING — Ruth, daughter of Samuel L. and Edna Blanche (Snow) Adams, was born Sept. 28, 1913, in Kirkman. The family soon moved to a farm northeast of Irwin. She attended rural school through the eighth grade and then Irwin High School, graduating with the class of 1931. After completing Normal Training she taught rural school for one year. She then began working at home and helping others with housework.

Nov. 22, 1938, Ruth married Lorenz P. Ahrendsen at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lincoln Township in Audubon County. Four children were born into this union. In 1941, Ruth was confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church and remained a member until the church closed its doors in May 2006. She taught Sunday School, and worked as a 4-H leader for over 40 years, serving as a member of the Jolly Rippers Club. After her husband's death in 1979, Ruth remained on the family farm south of Manning until May 2006. She then became a resident of Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll where she died May 10, 2007, at age 93 years, seven months and 12 days.

Preceding Ruth in death are her parents; husband, Lorenz; grandson, Andrew Wageman; great grandson, Jasper Butzlaff; four brothers, William Adams and wife, Bernice, Victor, Charles and Leonard Adams; brother-in-law, Arthur Ahrendsen, and sister-in-law, Alta Ahrendsen. She is survived by her four children, Delores (Richard) Kaczor of Hays, KS; Donna (Charles) Butzlaff of Oshkosh, WI; Norma (Barry) Wageman of Wausaw, WI; and Larry Ahrendsen (Connie) of Manning; 13 grandchildren, Nathan Kaczor (Angie); Joel Kaczor (Mary); Elizabeth (Myrone) Grady; Christopher Butzlaff (Kelly); Jeremy Butzlaff (Lisa); Jonathan Butzlaff and fiancé Sheila Beck; Jeffrey Wageman (Jennifer); Bradley Wageman; Joseph Wageman (Ivonne); Jodi (Stephen) Miller; Cory Ahrendsen (Jan); Wendy Ahrendsen; and Brian Ahrendsen (Karla); 21 great-grandchildren; sister, Alice (Melvin) Noelck of Melcher; three sisters-in-law, Verna Adams of Irwin; Harriett Gray of Denison; and Nona Adams of Santa Cruz, CA; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 12, 2007, at the Trinity Church, Heritage Park in Manning, with Rev. Patrick R. Sparling of the Zion Lutheran Church in Manning officiating. Casket bearers were all of her grandchildren. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

