

Bernice Lucia Albertus, 93 ✓

March 5, 1905 - March 25, 1998

OMAHA - Bernice Lucia (Soukop) Albertus, daughter of Otto and Dora (Stuhr) Soukop, was born March 5, 1905, in Davenport. Before she was a year old, the family moved to a farm near Minden. She grew up in the Minden and Shelby area. She attended a one-room elementary school near Minden and graduated from Shelby High School.

Jan. 28, 1925, she married Gussie Emil Albertus at the Lutheran parsonage in Avoca. Their marriage was blessed with one son, Gerald Eugene. They farmed in the Shelby and Harlan area before moving to their own farm near Persia, in 1948. In 1956, she began assisting her son in the operation of his hardware store in Persia until Gussie had a stroke in 1967. She then devoted her time to taking care of him in their home. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their home with close relatives Jan. 26, 1975. After the death of her son, Gerald, in 1983, she moved in with her daughter-in-law, Norma, in Ralston, NE. In 1993, she moved to the Paxton Manor in Omaha. In February 1998, she was hospitalized and then transferred to Bergan Mercy Respite Care Center. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and became a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Ralston, NE. She died March 25, 1998, at Bergan Mercy Respite Care Center at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gussie; and her son, Gerald. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Norma Opperman of Ralston; five grandchildren, Diana Wellman of Neola; Gary Albertus of Co. Bluffs; Dennis Albertus of Alvarado, TX; Ellen Rowland, Ralston, NE; and Judy Davis of Ralston, NE; 14 great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, one sister, Frances Freads of Shelby, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 27, 1998, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Ralston, NE, with the Rev. Dan Cloeter officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with Gary Albertus, Dennis Albertus, John Wellman, Doug Rowland, Greg Albertus and Tim Albertus casket bearers. Heafey, Heafey, Hoffmann, Dworak and Cutler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.