

## Anna Allen, 87 ✓

*Sept. 3, 1918 - Feb. 10, 2006*

**MANILLA** — Anna K. Allen, daughter of Jens and Maria (Zobrist) Kolby, was born Sept. 3, 1918, at Avoca. She grew up in the Avoca and Hancock area, graduating from Hancock High School in 1935. She was confirmed in the Avoca Lutheran Church. She received her country school teaching certificate following graduation.

Sept. 30, 1936, Anna married John Allen at Papillion, NE. Four children were born to this union. During World War II, she worked at the Bomber plant in Omaha and at Boeing in Washington State. For many years she was a farm wife while they lived in the Shelby and Avoca area. In 1958, they moved to Irwin and Anna began work as a merchandise buyer for Variety Distributors in Harlan, where she worked until her retirement. In 1963 they moved to Manilla. In 1986 Anna and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She used her sewing skills to volunteer at the Manilla Manor for many years. John died in 1989 and Anna continued to live in their home in Manilla. She died Feb. 10, 2006, in Omaha, NE, following a brief illness at age 87 years, five months, and seven days.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Allen; son, Ronald Allen in 1973; brother, Martin Kolby; and sister, Erna Chambers. She is survived by her two sons, Gary Allen (Jan) of Harlan; Steve Allen (Mardi) of Spirit Lake; daughter, Beverly (Bernie) Zylstra of West Des Moines; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 11 step great-grandchildren; brother, Tom Kolby (Pat) of Lebanon, TN; brother-in-law, Richard Allen (Kathie) of Arlington, TX; two sisters-in-law, Lois Allen of Oakland and Verylde Kolby of Council Bluffs; nieces, nephews, and cousins, including special niece, Vinetta Shinkle of Arkansas.

Graveside services were held Feb. 25, 2006 at the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla with Pastor David Swinton of Monroe Chapel, rural Walnut officiating. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.

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