

Beulah Andersen, 91

Aug. 15, 1910 – Oct. 12, 2001

EXIRA – Beulah Andersen, daughter of George and Bertha Sorensen Barratt, was born Aug. 15, 1910, at her parents' home in Shelby County. She attended the Methodist Church for a short time, then later was baptized at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. She attended rural schools in Shelby County, then was a hired girl for several families.

Oct. 1, 1930, she married Marinus Andersen at the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church Parsonage near Kirkman. They operated several different farms in Audubon County until they purchased a farm southwest of Exira in 1937. They operated the farm for many years. Beulah worked as a caregiver for several families after all their children left home. Marinus died April 2, 1978. She stayed on the farm for one year, then purchased a home in Exira, where she lived until she moved to the Exira Care Center in September of 1999. She was an active member of the Brayton Baptist Church. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, worked in AWANA, Vacation Bible School and the Women's Missionary Fellowship. She died Oct. 12, 2001, at the Exira Care Center at age 91 years, one month and 27 days.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; her brother, Leonard Barratt; her sisters, Kathleen Barratt, Mildred Sorensen, Vera Andersen and Helen Peterson. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Walter (Marlagene) Andersen of Perry; Elna (Harold) Nissen of Harlan; M. Leland (Beulah) Andersen of Loveland, CO; Janet (Bob) Magers of Council Bluffs; her grandchildren, Julie Hinds, Jody Walter, Alicia Thelen, Jeffery Andersen, Janene Ogrin, Arick Andersen, Jerry Nissen, Diane Nielsen, Daryl Nissen, Anthony Andersen, Timothy Andersen, Matthew Andersen, Robert Magers, Randall Magers and Cyndee Magers; 23 great grandchildren; one great great grandson; her sister, Ethel Rasmussen of Houston, MO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Tim Waldron Oct. 16, 2001, at the Brayton Baptist Church followed by fellowship with the family and burial in the Harlan Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jeffery Andersen, Arick Andersen, Robert Magers, Randall Magers, Jerry Nissen, Daryl Nissen, Anthony Andersen, Timothy Andersen and Matthew Andersen. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira in charge of arrangements.