

Leotha Andersen, 82

Feb. 15, 1918 – Feb. 9, 2001

IRWIN – Leotha Mae, daughter of Fremont and Ethel Pattee Richards, was born Feb. 15, 1918, on a farm near Botna in Shelby County. She attended rural school near Botna and graduated from Irwin High School in 1935. After completing her schooling, she continued to live with her parents while working in various other homes. She was married for a short time to Robert Glen Dent. A daughter was born to this union.

Dec. 12, 1941, she married Carl Andersen at the courthouse in Omaha, NE. The family lived near Irwin and in Fiscus before moving to Irwin. She worked in local cafes and candled eggs at Irwin Produce for many years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin, and a past member of the United Methodist women. After Carl died April 6, 1980, she continued to live in Irwin, until moving to the Manilla Manor in Manilla in 1998. Feb. 11, 2000, she became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home in Manning, where she died Feb. 9, 2001, at age 82 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Besides her parents and husband, one great grandchild, Laura May Enenbach, precedes her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Carol (Richard) Schmidt of Manning; three grandchildren, Chris (Kevin) Brown of Manning; Dan Cantrell (Glenda) of Harlan and Jill (Mike) Enenbach of Manning; seven great grandchildren, Jamie Cantrell and his fiance, Megan Trullinger, Marc Cantrell (Jessica), Troy Cantrell, Jesse Cantrell, Jackie Cantrell, Jeff Enenbach and Joshua Enenbach and a great great grandson, Jaydon Lee Cantrell.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2001, at the Ohde Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph Boysen of the United Methodist Church, Irwin, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Casket bearers were Jamie Cantrell, Joshua Enenbach, Jackie Cantrell, Troy Cantrell, Jessie Cantrell, Kane McMahon and Marc Cantrell.