

Laura Beetham, 92

COUNCIL BLUFFS - Laura Marie Beetham, daughter of Charles and Mae (Russ) Ode was born at Rock Springs, WI on July 22, 1895. She died at the Northcrest Care Center in Co. Bluffs on May 16, 1988 at age 92 years, 9 months and 24 days. She attended school in Bismarck, ND and it was there that she grew to adulthood.

On Nov. 10, 1917, she married Robert Beetham in Bismarck. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union. They moved to Spooner, WI in 1919 where they farmed. In 1923, they moved to Lancaster, WI, where Robert died in 1924.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren, Laura and Jason. She is survived by two sons, Bob of Aurora, IL and Harry of Madison, WI; two daughters, Bee (Mrs Harold) Trafton of Co. Bluffs; and Elva (Mrs Verlin) Baumgarth of Budd Lake, NJ; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Hansen of Emeryville, CA and many other relatives.

Funeral services were May 20, 1988 at Metcalf-Kuenster Funeral Home in Lancaster, WI with Rev. Jim Luder officiating. Burial was in Hillside cemetery, Lancaster, with Jim Beetham, Bob Beetham, John Beetham, Kent Beetham, Dean Beetham, Paul Baumgarth and Harry Trafton as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.