

## Mildred Birks, 74

**MANILLA** - Mildred, daughter of Lewis and Mary Thomsen Kuchel, was born Nov. 7, 1914 near Irwin. She attended Irwin schools and was graduated with the class of 1932.

Dec. 19, 1934 she married Charles Birks. They farmed for many years near Manilla moving to Manilla in the early 1960's. Charles died in 1969 and she continued to make her home in Manilla. She died unexpectedly at her home in Manilla Jan. 21, 1989 at age 74 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; by a sister, Frances Wilfong; two brothers in infancy and two step-grandchildren, Bruce and Russell Kloewer. She is survived by her daughter, Marlys (Mrs Mike) Kloewer of Manilla; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and a sister, Grace Wilfong of Manilla.

Funeral services were held Jan. 24, 1989 at Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla with Pastor Frank Christ of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin with Larry Thomssen, Larry Birks, Gil Schoba, Roger Georgius, Gib Bandow and William Hansen serving as casket bearers.