

Bernadine Caroline Christensen, 77

November 12, 1917-July 24, 1995

Manilla- Bernadine, daughter of William and Melanle Schoening Schwieso, was born Nov. 12, 1917 on a farm near Manilla. She attended rural schools near her home.

Oct. 24, 1937 she married Chris Christensen. They farmed near Manilla, retiring to make their home in Manilla in 1976. He died in 1988 and she continued to make her home in Manilla. Bernadine was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. She had been in failing health since the fall of 1994 and moved to the Manilla Manor Nursing Home two months ago. She died there July 24, 1995 at age 77 years, 8 months and 12 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and the following sisters and brothers: Avena Sivertsen, Amanda Vennink, Hattie Steckelberg, Myrtle Lightfield, Sylvester Schwieso, Wilbur Schwieso, Harold Schwieso, Earl Schwieso, Herman Schwieso and Benjamin Schwieso. Survivors include her son, Ronald Christensen of Manilla; her daughter Barbara (Rex) Waller of Springfield, IL; four grandchildren; a great grandson; a brother Edward Schwieso (Edythe) of Irwin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 26, 1995 at the St Paul's Lutheran Church, Irwin with Pastor Sidney Flack officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were Kent Gruhn, Keith Schwieso, Lester Steckelberg, Cory Heiman, Richard Schwieso and Robert Steckelberg. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.