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Katherine Collings, 79

April 2, 1912 - July 26, 1991

PERSIA – Katherine (Toots) Collings, daughter of Carl and Anna Christensen, was born April 2, 1912 and graduated from Persia High School in 1929.

They moved to Perry in 1940 and to Co. Bluffs in 1941. She retired from Ceco Steel Corporation and retired in 1973. After retiring they returned to Persia where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. April 1, 1982 her husband Raymond died in 1986. She died July 26, 1991, at age 79.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Adkins of San Antonio, TX., and Kathleen O'Hara of Newton; two sons, Thomas B. Collings, II of Randolph, MA., and David P. Collings of Littleton, CO.; three sisters, Marguerite Watson and Mabel Reason of Co. Bluffs; and Rose Miller of Littleton, CO.; two brothers, Ed Christensen of Maryville, MO., and Carlton Christensen of

Silver City; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held July 29, 1991 at the Persia Methodist Church with Rev. Kate Bell, officiating. Bearers were grandsons, John E. Adkins, Raymond J. O'Hara, Kelly D. O'Hara, Stuart L. O'Hara, Theodore P. Collings, Thomas E. Collings III, John A. Collings and Peter A. Collings. Burial was in the Valley View cemetery with Schumacher Funeral Home in charge.