

## Lucille Crane, 76

Feb. 11, 1920 - March 11, 1996

**VAIL** - Lucille Crane was born Feb. 11, 1920, daughter of Richard and Clara Voege Smith, in Jacksonville Township, Crawford County north of Westside. She attended the Vail Community School. At age six, she and her family moved to a farm northwest of Denison and she continued her education at Goodrich No. 8. She then received her practical nursing from the old Denison hospital. She was employed in a tuberculosis hospital in Oakdale and later returned to the farm to help her parents and brother. In 1946 the family moved to a farm northwest of Vail in Milford Township. Her father, Richard, died in 1948 and she continued to live with her mother and brother.

She married Ira Crane in 1961 at the United Presbyterian Church in Vail. They farmed near Vail for one year before moving into Vail. She was employed as a receptionist in Dr. Floods Vail office for 12 years. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Vail, was past president of the Church Women's Association and a Sunday School teacher, a 50 year member of the Eastern Star, the past Worthy Matrons, a charter member and past president of the Crawford County Past Matrons and a member and a past president of Willing Workers. She was a resident of Manilla Manor. She died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha March 11, 1996 at age 76.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ira, Nov. 8, 1995; two brothers, Lloyd and Clifford; one daughter, Amy Meyer, and a son, James Crane. Survivors include two daughters, Eva Mae Chamberlain of Tucson, AZ; Anna Marie (Henry) Olson of Irwin; one son-in-law, Don Meyer (Jolene) of Carroll; eight grandchildren; four foster granddaughters; five great grandchildren; four foster great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Frances Boham, Co. Bluffs; Lois Petska, Hershey, NE; Betty Crane, Schleswig; one aunt, Lois Smith, Independence and cousins.

Services were held March 14 at the Presbyterian Church in Vail with Rev. Thomas Buzbee officiating. Casket bearers were Henry Ira Olson, Paul Olson, Joe Thelen, Jack Boham, Jim Meyer, Lois Popp, Bill Crane and Dick Blair. Burial was in the Westside Cemetery.