

Alma Custer, 90

Feb. 2, 1902 — Dec. 28, 1992

HARLAN — Alma Amanda Gruhn, daughter of Fred and Amanda Asmus Gruhn was born Feb. 2, 1902 on a farm, three miles south of Manning in Carroll county. She grew to adulthood on this farm and attended Jefferson Twp. No. 1 country school. She worked for area families until her marriage to Louie Thomsen Sept. 29, 1920, at Manning. After their marriage, they farmed the Thomsen farm, 1 and 1/2 miles south of Aspinwall in Crawford county. They also farmed near Gray and Elk Horn, before retiring and moving into Harlan, where he became the caretaker of the Harlan Golf and Country Club. He was accidentally killed at work Oct. 20, 1960. After his death, she continued to make her home in Harlan, where she worked at the Baptist Memorial Home and Harlan Bowl.

June 12, 1962, she married Glenn Custer in Harlan, where they continued to make their home. After Glenn's death March 30, 1975, she continued to make her home in Harlan, where she continued to be active in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Veteran's of Foreign War's Auxiliary, WW I Auxiliary and several card clubs. She died Dec. 28, 1992.

In addition to Louie and Glenn, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Freda Langbehn and Lena Jansen; two brothers, Henry and Ed Gruhn; one granddaughter, Stephanie Thomsen; and a step-great-grandchild Todd Custer. She is survived by two sons, Raymond (Fern) Thomsen and Roger (Pat) Thomsen; two daughters, Doraine (Bud) Wigg and Marvel (Fred)



Jacobsen, all of Harlan; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 3 step-children, Glade Custer of Denver, CO.; Ival Custer of rural Harlan and Verlee Muller of rural Defiance; 4 sisters, Ella Steen of Manning; Anna Mahnke of Albert City; Ida Anthony and Helen Andersen, both of Denison; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 1992, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Rev. Stan Nielsen of the Shelby Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Nels Block Jr., Woodrow Hansen, Charles Andersen, Donald G. McConnell, Dewey Hess, Robert Morris and David Goede honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Rick Jacobsen, Kirk Jacobsen, Darren Thomsen, Dennis Thomsen, Bruce Wigg, David Thomsen and Curtis Wigg. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.