

Mildred I. Carlsen, 96

Feb. 28, 1904 - April 5, 2000

OMAHA, NE – Mildred Irene Carlsen, daughter of Guy and Anna (Anders) Benedict, was born Feb. 28, 1904, at Creighton, NE. After her graduation from Creighton High School, she attended beauty school.

She met Floyd Carlsen while he was pitching for a semi-pro baseball team in Creighton. They were married in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Omaha, where he played throughout the Midwest for the Western Baseball League. Later he pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals. The couple became parents of two sons. After his baseball career, the couple settled in Omaha to raise their children. They were members of Bethel Lutheran Church. She was very active in the women's church circles. She was a member of Eastern Star Shiner's Auxiliary and Bricklayer Union Hall Auxiliary. After the death of her husband in 1973, she remained at her home in Omaha until 1997, when she moved to Alan's home in Harlan. She then moved to Bismarck, ND, for a year and a half before moving to the Springdale Care Center in Mesa, AZ. It was there that she died April 5, 2000, at age 96 years, one month and five days.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her grandsons, Carsten Leigh Carlsen and Scott Bradley Carlsen; her sisters and a brother, Edith Elwood, Eldora Ladenberg and Buster Benedict. Survivors include her sons, Keith "Skip" Carlsen (Shirley) of Gilbert, AZ and Alan "Skip" Carlsen (Jonne) of Chaska, MN; grandsons, Jeff Carlsen (Rada) of Chicago, IL and Chris Carlsen (Lisa) of Omaha, NE; granddaughters, Kim (John) Catalano; Christy (Galen) DeBey; Carrie (Mike) Atchison and Sherry (Brad) Bolte, all of Gilbert, AZ. Survivors also include nine great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Marcella Carlsen and Ester Skillstad; four nephews; one niece and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 8, 2000, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, with Reverend Don Metzger officiating. Burial was held at Westlawn-Hillcrest Memorial Park in Omaha, with Jeff Carlsen, Marvin Elwood, Jr., Chris Carlsen, Kenneth Elwood, Barry Carlsen and Richard Elwood casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

