

## **Dora Carlson, 94**

*April 10, 1908 - Oct. 29, 2002*

**RED OAK** – Dora Marie Carlson, daughter of Anders and Charlotta (Johanson) Lonn, was born April 10, 1908, in Montgomery County, on a farm east of Red Oak. Dora was raised and lived most of her life in the Red Oak area. She graduated from Stennett High School in 1926.

She married Paul E. Carlson Feb. 22, 1930, in Red Oak. Their first home was on a farm southwest of Stanton. They moved to Red Oak in 1941. They owned and operated the Starlite Motel in Red Oak for 27 years. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a past member of the Monday Club. She became a resident of Vista Gardens Care Center in December 1994 and recently a resident of Stanton Care Center. She died Oct. 29, 2002, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, at age 94 years, six months and 20 days.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Nelsen (Norman) of Harlan; six grandchildren, Paul Carlson (Pam); Christi Nelsen and fiance, Adam Koch; Mark Pilkington (Janna); Jay Pilkington (Kari); Joni Dille (Clay) and Mark Nelsen; eight great grandchildren; a son-in-law, Ross Pilkington of Gravois Mills, MO; a daughter-in-law, Elaine Carlson of Omaha, NE; a sister, Mrs. Ellen O. Swanson of Red Oak; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, 2002, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Red Oak, with Rev. John Rinde officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Sellergren-Lindell-DeMarce Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.