

Irene Collins, 93

Aug. 9, 1906 – Oct. 3, 1999

SHELBY – Irene Chrystal Collins was born Aug. 9, 1906, at Yorkshire, daughter of John W. and Mary Housechild Collins, Sr., and was one of four children in the family. She attended country school and then graduated from Neola High School in 1925. She also had some additional schooling in Atlantic. She spent several years on the family farm near Persia. In 1944, she and her father purchased Clark Gables Resort near Detroit Lakes, MN, and operated it together until her father died in the late 1960's. In the early 1970's she sold the resort and moved back to Iowa to care for her mother and brother. She was a member of the Shelby Lutheran Church. She babysat with her grand nieces and nephews. She lived in the Minden area for several years prior to moving to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in June of 1997. She died suddenly at the Rehab Center Oct. 3, 1999, at age 93 years, one month and 25 days.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a nephew. She is survived by a sister, Bernice Troll of New London; a brother, John Collins of Logan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor John Swenson officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gary Collins, Stephanie Collins, Ken Collins, Quentin Hoffman and Bill Lucke.