

Maxine Conrad, 84

Sept. 19, 1917 – Sept. 19, 2001

IRWIN – Maxine Dorothea, daughter of Henry Fred and Caroline Thomsen Berndt, was born Sept. 19, 1917, at Irwin. She attended Shelby County rural school at Greeley Township and graduated from Irwin High School in 1934.

May 15, 1937, she married Ray Garold Conrad at Shenandoah. Four children were born to this union. They lived on their farm near Irwin for 55 years. During that time, Maxine also worked for 12 years as a writer for the Irwin Enterprise, Harlan Newspapers and The Manilla Times and sold Raleigh Products for 26 years. They retired in 1978 and moved into Irwin in 1992. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin where both Maxine and Ray were baptized and confirmed. She attended various card clubs and the rural country club for more than 62 years. After Ray died Oct. 27, 1995, she lived in Perry, Manilla and Manning. In April of 2001, Maxine became a resident of Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry, where she died Sept. 19, 2001, her 84th birthday.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Harold Berndt and Raymond Berndt; an infant sister and a son-in-law, Robert Mader. She is survived by four children, Katherine Mader of Edwards, MO; Robert Conrad (Gloria) of Omaha, NE; Garold Conrad (Pam) of Perry; Harlow Conrad (Denise) of Perry; eight grandchildren, Terry Sherrett (Renee); Kelly Goetz (Joe); Randy Conrad (Katina); Rusty Conrad; Shari Pollard (Austin); Mike Conrad (Tracy); Matthew Conrad (Misty) and Karla Conrad; two step grandchildren, Dawne and Mike Benton; 13 great grandchildren, Brett, Ashley, Brianna and Chely Sherrett; Taylor and Kaylee Goetz; Aryyanah and Ryan Conrad; Conrad Garcia; Corey Adelson; Trevor Pollard; Allison and Madison Conrad; a step great grandchild, Savanna Benton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24, 2001, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Renee Sherrett, Katina Conrad, Karla Conrad, Mike Benton, Kelly Goetz, Shari Pollard and Dawne Benton. Casket bearers were Terry Sherrett, Rusty Conrad, Mike Conrad, Randy Conrad, Joe Goetz and Matthew Conrad. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.