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Dorothy Ruth Eckel, 80

March 9, 1912 — Nov. 16, 1992

SHELBY — Dorothy Ruth Adams was born in Keokuk March 9, 1912, daughter of Walter and Irene Oller Adams. She was the third of five children.

She married Stanley Eckel June 23, 1932 at her parents home in Keokuk. They were the parents of two children, Lynn and Diane, and the grandparents of two granddaughters, Stephanie and Kerri. After their marriage, they made their home in Omaha until 1943, when they moved to Shelby where Stanley farmed for his father. In the fall of 1947 they moved

to the Eckel home place where they engaged in farming. She began selling Avon in the fall of 1962 and continued to sell for the next thirty years. They moved to their present home in Shelby when Stanley retired in 1975. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Shelby. She had served as Sunday school superintendent and held several offices in various church organizations. She remained active in the church until the time of her illness. She was also involved in the Shelby Garden Club, being one of the founding members. She died Nov. 16, 1992, at age 80 years, 8 months and 7 days.

She was preceded in death by Stanley, her husband of 55 years; her parents; two sisters, F. Bernard Rittenhouse and Leora Wilsey. Survivors are her son, Lynn (Beverly) of Glenwood; her daughter, Diane (Ben) Voss of Omaha, NE.; two granddaughters; two sisters, Sarah Westerly of Lancaster, CA.; and Charlotte Wharton of Oakview, CA.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19, 1992, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby with Rev. Gerald Oliver and Rev. Vince Nelson, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casketbearers were Gordon Schroder, Dean Luxford, Rockford Martin, Lester Ploen, David Horsey, and Frank Evans. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.