

Alice Gibson, 85

Dec. 18, 1912 - Feb. 17, 1998

NEWTON - Alice Thompson Lanz Gibson, 85, died of cancer Feb. 17, 1998, at Newton. Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 1998 at the First Lutheran Church with Rev. Matthew Martens officiating with burial at the Newton Union Cemetery. Alice, daughter of Albert and Carrie Ash-Thompson, was born Dec. 18, 1912, in Irwin. She attended the Irwin school and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. She attended Dana College in Blair, NE, and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, before graduating from Drake University in Des Moines.

She married Herman Lanz Aug. 26, 1945, in Newton, and later married Rex Gibson Nov. 28, 1978 at Newton. She moved to Newton in the 1930's and was employed as a school teacher for 16 years. She was also principal at the Grant School in Des Moines for two years. She taught sixth grade at Lincoln Elementary in Newton and McCord School east of Newton. She and her husband also farmed and managed apartments. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Newton, Amboy Grange, Newton Women's Club, Cliv Club, Farm Bureau and sang in the church choir for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both her husbands, a son, a sister and two brothers. Survivors include two daughters, Robert Lanz, Omaha and Myrna Osten of Newton; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Gaylor of Newton; two stepsons, Rev. George Gibson of Des Moines and Jack Gibson of Hamburg; a daughter-in-law, Carole Frich of Newton, two grandchildren; 10 step grandchildren; one great grandchild and several step great grandchildren.