

Ila E. Jessen, 72

WALNUT — Ila Eileen Jessen was born south of Walnut Sept. 16, 1915, the daughter of Bertha Kohlscheen and Herman Butenschon. She attended school in Walnut and Avoca. She graduated from the Avoca High School in the class of 1934.

She married Harvey Jessen Aug. 6, 1938. They farmed south of Walnut on the same farm until the death of her husband on Feb. 24, 1968. She then moved to Walnut where she lived until her death. She died at the Mercy Care Center in Omaha, NE Jan. 14, 1988 at age 72 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and one brother, Myron Buttenschon. She is survived by two daughters, Cleone Jessen of Omaha and Mrs Ronald (Valdeen) Weaver of Irvine, CA; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 17, 1988 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home with Rev. Harvey Beach, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Rondo Rossmann, Joe Ausdemore, Vernon Paasch, Robert Fresener, Freddie Matthies and Harold Hansen serving as casket bearers.