

## Frances Jensen, 96

*May 26, 1908 - Jan. 24, 2005*

**MANNING** — Frances Opal Jensen, daughter of George Tift and Mae (Petersen) Gillette, was born May 26, 1908, in rural Harlan. While attending Harlan High School, Frances took Normal Training.

Frances taught school until she married Richard Martin Jensen June 12, 1929, at the Danish Baptist parsonage in Harlan. The couple farmed in Jackson Township for 13 years before purchasing land in Douglas Township, near Irwin. They remained on this farm until their retirement in 1973, when they moved to Manning. Richard died Feb. 5, 1978, in Council Bluffs.



Frances continued living in her home until November, 1999, when she became a resident of the Manila Manor. In March, 2004, she went to live at the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. Frances was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Manning, where she taught the High School Sunday School class until she reached the age of 80. She also nurtured her faith through Bible Study, and was a part of the same study group for 20 years. While on the farm, Frances was a member of the Social Neighborhood Club. She died Jan. 24, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 96 years, seven months, and 29 days.

Preceding Frances in death were her parents; her husband, Richard M. Jensen; five sisters, Hazel Gillette, Lois Neuman, Fern Christiansen, Vera Micari, and Dorothy Bowlin; four brothers, Everette Gillette, Russell Gillette, George Gillette, Jr., and Max Gillette; and one great-grandson, Andrew Brace. Survivors include three daughters, Ramona (Kenyon) Bell of Ames; Joanne (Charles) Wooster of Irwin; and Judy (James) Brace of Missouri Valley; one son, V. Richard (Loretta) Jensen of Saint Paul, MN; one sister, Shirley Aguirre of Columbia, MO; one sister-in-law, Leanna Jensen of Harlan; 14 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2005, at the Burmelster-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Louis Miller of the Calvary Baptist Church in Manning officiating. Casket bearers were Tim Bell, Rod Brace, Todd Brace, Trent Jensen, Kyle Jensen, Jon Wooster, Paul Wooster, and David Wooster. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.