

Irene N. Johannsen, 95

March 19, 1905 – Nov. 27, 2000

SCHLESWIG – Irene Nellie Johannsen, the daughter of George and Anna (Tech) Krohnke, was born March 19, 1905, in Ricketts. She was baptized April 23, 1905, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hanover Township, and was confirmed June 30, 1921, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig. She attended Woodbury and Crawford County rural schools and Schleswig High School.

She married Wilbert Johannsen Jan. 12, 1926, in Schleswig. Three children, Shirley, Ken and Roger, were born to this union. Wilbert and Irene farmed for more than 30 years before moving to their new home in Schleswig in 1956. Wilbert died Feb. 15, 1983, in Des Moines. Irene remained in her home in Schleswig until July, 1998, when she became a resident of the Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison. She was a faithful member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, where she had attended Bible classes regularly. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society for over 60 years, and held various offices through the years. Irene was a charter member of the VFW Post #3930 Auxiliary in Schleswig. She died Nov. 27, 2000, at the Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison, at age 95 years, eight months and eight days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert; four brothers, Erhart, Walter, Wayne and Jurgen, who was killed in action in Holland during World War II; two sisters, Violet Grell and infant Doris Krohnke; one stepbrother, Cecil Phillips; and three grandchildren, Keith Johannsen, Len Johannsen and infant Susan Johannsen. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Kellogg of Cedar Rapids; two sons, Dr. Ken Johannsen (Audrey) of Storm Lake and Roger Johannsen (LaJune) of Audubon; one half brother, Everett Krohnke of Crescent Lake, OR; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 30, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, with Pastor Merle F. Mahnken officiating. Casket bearers were Jay Johannsen, Russ Johannsen, Mark Johannsen, Jess Johannsen, Seth Johannsen and Joel Porsch. Burial was in the Morgan Cemetery in Schleswig. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.