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MINDEN — Emma Marie Kaven was born on a farm south of Atlantic, Nov. 14, 1887, the daughter of John and Sophia Boesel Kraack. She was one of five children in the family. She attended country school and also attended school in Wiota. The family then moved to Neola and later to Minden.

She married William O. Kaven at the office of Rev. Henry DeLong in the county court house in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 11, 1907. They made their home in Minden where William was a building contractor. They were the parents of

five children. She was active in the community by being a member of the United Church of Christ, the Women's Fellowship of the church and the American Legion and Auxiliary. William died in 1967. She remained in her own home in Minden until about six years ago when she fell and broke her hip. She then spent three years with her son, Harley and his family in Omaha. The past three years she has been a resident of the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. Nov. 14, 1987 she was honored by an open house in celebration of her 100th birthday. She died April 7, 1989 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 101 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; two sons, Creighton and Billie; three sisters, Edna Halm, Millie Bintz and Ella Kraack. She is survived by her children, LaVerne of Avoca; Orvel of Minden and Harley of Omaha, NE; daughter-in-law, Geneva Kaven of Avoca; ten grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Clara Lidolph of Littleton, CO and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 10, 1989 at United Church of Christ, Minden with Rev. Norman E. Meyer officiating. Burial was in Minden cemetery with Dale Kaven, Bryon Kaven, Rodney Kaven, Dennis Kaven, Earl Bintz and Danny Kaven as casketbearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.