

## **Charlotte Bertha Kixmiller, 102**

*Sept. 14, 1900 - May 24, 2003*

**WALNUT** – Charlotte Bertha Brigitte Leopold Kixmiller was born Sept. 14, 1900, on a farm east of Hancock, the daughter of Johannes and Caroline Foth Leopold. She was baptized in the Lutheran Church of Avoca, and confirmed in 1915. She attended Fletcher Rural School through the eighth grade.

March 24, 1921, she married Benjamin Kixmiller at the Lutheran parsonage in Avoca. They had one son, Robert. Charlotte and Benjamin farmed in Carson until 1935, when they moved to a farm south of Avoca. She worked at Uncle Louie Leopold's hardware store in Hancock, and also spent time working as a domestic nanny. After Ben died April 20, 1984, Charlotte moved to Avoca. She remained there until 1987, when she moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. She died May 24, 2003, at Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 102 years, eight months and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her husband, Benjamin; her three sisters, Anna Lyons, Carrie Andersen Nicolai and Christine Nicolai, as well as her great grandchild, Kory Vredeveld. She is survived by her son, Robert (Bertha) Kixmiller of Avoca, and her three grandchildren, Barbara (Ron) Vredeveld of Council Bluffs; Loleta (Don) Hansen of Walnut and Robert (Julie) Kixmiller of Walnut; six great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 28, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Honorary casket bearers were Ben Kixmiller, Michelle Tooley, Breanna Kixmiller and Kimball Vredeveld. Casket bearers were Ron Vredeveld, Don Hansen, Bob Kixmiller, Darren Tooley, Kevin Vredeveld, Brent Hansen and Darrin Hansen. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.