

**Clara Kreis, 94** ✓

*Aug. 29, 1908 - Oct. 16, 2002*

**WALNUT** – Clara Mae Kreis was born Aug. 29, 1908, on a farm south of Walnut, daughter of Theodore and Adelaide Drake Palmer and was one of four children in the family. She graduated from the Walnut High School with the class of 1925. She then went on to Simpson College where she received a degree in education. Clara returned to the Walnut area and was employed at the Walnut School as an English and Latin teacher. She was also a teacher of the Drama Club and Speech Club.

Clara married Ernest Kreis July 10, 1938, in Walnut. They were the parents of two children, John and Marcia. She was involved in many organizations including the Eastern Star and the Walnut Presbyterian Church Women's Auxiliary. Clara and Ernest moved to the Atlantic Nursing Home in 2000 and made their home there until moving to the Hallmark Care Center in Omaha, six weeks ago. She died peacefully at the Hallmark Care Center Oct. 16, 2002, at age 94 years, one month and 18 days.

Her parents, one brother, Orris Palmer, and two sisters, Virginia Juhl and Elaine McMurchie, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Ernest of Omaha, NE; one son, John Kreis (Sheryl) of Papillion, NE; and one daughter, Marcia (Clarence) Fulks of Aztec, NM; five grandchildren, Christopher and Brandon Hicks; Shanna (Keith) Taylor; Amanda Kreis and Tony Kreis (Kellie); one great grandchild; Tristan Kreis; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 19, 2002, at the Walnut Presbyterian Church with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Herbert Mertz, Al Schirm, Paul Riley, Gordon Tooley, George Mertz, Kenneth Fredreksen, Bill League and John Kreis. Casket bearers were Larry Palmer, Tony Kreis, Wayne McGinnis, Brandon Hicks, Chris Hicks, John Bruns and Bill Palmer. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.