

Dorothea Kumm, 93

Sept. 23, 1911 - June 25, 2005

DENISON — Dorothea Caroline Emma Kumm was born at Midland, NE, Sept. 23, 1911, the daughter of Gustav and Auguste Dibbert Krohn. She was baptized Oct. 22, 1911, at Golgotha Lutheran Church in Wausa, NE, and confirmed in her Christian faith there, June 20, 1926. Dora was raised at Wausa, NE, and received her education in the rural schools.

Dec. 4, 1929, Dora married Harry W. Kumm at the Golgotha Lutheran Parsonage in Wausa, NE. Their union was blessed with five children, Donald, Lyle, Derald, James and Joyce. They made their home on the farm at Wausa until 1944 when they moved to a farm near Sloan. They later lived on a farm near Walnut before moving to the farm west of Denison in 1955. In 1964, they moved into Denison where Dora was employed as a cook at Eventide Lutheran Home until 1976 and at Denison Care Center from 1976 until she retired in 1986. Harry died Oct. 21, 1981, and she continued to reside and work in Denison. For many years the Kumms were active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Dow City, where she served a number of positions in the Lutheran Missionary League and was also a past zone president of the LWML for the Denison Circuit. She was currently a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Due to failing health, she moved to Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison, Aug. 4, 1995, and it was there that she died June 25, 2005, at age 93 years, nine months and two days.

Dora was preceded in death by her parents, Gustav and Auguste Krohn; her husband, Harry W. Kumm; one son, Lyle D. Kumm; one great-granddaughter, Emma Kumm; and two sisters, Ida Mueller and Olga Blunck. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Donald (Donna) Kumm of Sioux City; Derald (Patti) Kumm of Hartlan; James (Carolee) Kumm of Lexington, NE; and Joyce (Rev. Jerold) Munz of Indianapolis, IN; 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, August Krohn of Sioux City, Otto Krohn of Norfolk, NE, and Herman Krohn (Hazel) of Wausa, NE; one sister, Emma Folkers of Randolph, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 1, 2005, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, with Dora's grandsons, The Rev. Shawn L. Kumm and The Rev. Michael L. Kumm officiating with her son-in-law, The Rev. Jerold D. Munz serving as Interpreter. Casket bearers were grandsons, Douglas S. Kumm, Walter E. Kumm, Patrick G. Kumm and Dr. James W. Kumm, and great-grandsons, Bobby Bratvald and Ryan Bratvald. Burial was at Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. The Pfannebecker Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.