

## Maxine Oloff, 78

*Jan. 14, 1924 - June 26, 2002*

**PERSIA** – Anna Maxine Oloff, daughter of Peter W. and Lillie L. (Martens) Matthiessen, was born southeast of Persia, Jan. 14, 1924. She attended Persia Public Schools, and graduated as valedictorian of the Persia High School, Class of 1941. She then worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for the Persia Oil Company.

June 14, 1952, she married William E. Oloff at Timothy Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. For a number of years, she worked as a postal clerk at the Persia Post Office. She also attended Iowa Western Community College, receiving her Clerical Certificate. Most recently, she was employed at the Cox Elevator in Tennant. A baptized and confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia, she was active in the LWML and had served as financial secretary for the church. Following her retirement, she became an active volunteer in the Persia community. She sat on the Washington Township Election Board, and was a Persia Senior Citizen officer and AAL Branch 1747 treasurer. Maxine died June 26, 2002, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 78 years, five months and 12 days.

Preceding her in death were her husband, William (Nov. 9, 1987) and her father. Survivors include her mother, Lillie Matthiessen of Earling; two daughters, Karen Oloff of Portsmouth and Kathy (Wesley) Ruggles of Persia; one son, Bill (Yvette) Oloff of Persia; one brother, Rev. Donald (Rosemary) Matthiessen of Sterling, IL; five grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 29, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia, with Pastor David Kuhnle and Vicar Ray Smith officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jessica Thomas, Kolt Thomas, Joel Ruggles, Dustin Laver, Andrew Oloff and Billi Oloff. Active casket bearers were Roger Bruck, Bill Iwen, Larry Watson, Larry Hornbostel, Darin Shriver and Lyle Olson. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

