

✓ Myrtle Kline Olsen, 87

Nov. 24, 1911 – Oct. 13, 1999

EXIRA – Myrtle Irene Kline Olsen, daughter of Earl Edward and Elizabeth (Libby) Susan Hoover Griffin, was born Nov. 24, 1911, on her parents' farm in rural Audubon County, and died Oct. 13, 1999, at the Exira Care Center, at age 87 years, 10 months and 19 days. She was baptized at the Federated United Church of Christ in Exira. She attended rural school near Exira, then worked outside the home for neighbors.

Oct. 5, 1929, she married O. Van Kline at the courthouse in Atlantic. Six children were born to this union. They lived in the Exira area and Myrtle was employed at various businesses in the Exira area. Van died Aug. 14, 1962. She continued to work until she retired.

July 27, 1973 she married Oluf W. Olsen at the Federated United Church of Christ in Exira. They made their home in Exira until she became a resident of the Exira Care Center Nov. 25, 1986. Oluf died Dec. 10, 1996. She was a member of the Federated United Church of Christ and was active in the Women's Fellowship. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Federated Women's Association.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husbands were an infant son, Van Allen Kline; her son-in-law, DeWayne Wilson; her parents; her grandson, Tim Wilson; her granddaughter, Stacey Esbeck; her great granddaughter, Karen Wilson; her great great grandson, Timothy Shields; her brother, Arnold Griffin; her brothers-in-law, Keith Martin; Roy Johnson and Lester Paulsen. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Beverly (Charles) Goeken of Audubon; Charles L. Kline (Phyllis) of Harlan; Jerry Kline (Eloyce) of Camdenton, MO; Gary Kline (Barbara) of Bismarck, ND; and Connie (Glenn) Esbeck of Exira; her grandchildren, Ann Marie (Randy) Doran of Harlan; Charles V. Klein of Omaha; David Kline (Patti) of Omaha; Terry (Nancy) Wilson of Exira; Trudy (Dave) Patterson of Austintown, OH; Taylor (Dee) Wilson of Atlantic; Kraig Kline, of Camdenton, MO; Greg Kline (Deb) of Omaha; Mitch Kline (Julie) and Sheri (Kenny) Rush, all of Griswold; Tom Kline of De Rio, TX; LeAnn (Paul) Lester and Mark (Gwen) Kline, all of Cedar Rapids; Bill Kline of Omaha; Amy Kline of Fredericksburg, VA; Randy Esbeck (Kelly) of Cumming, GA; Dennis Esbeck (Janet) of West Liberty; Jon Esbeck (Diane) of Brayton; 34 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; her stepdaughters and their spouses, Camelia (Gary) Jorgensen of Harlan; Margaret (Paul) Anheir of Denver, CO; four step grandchildren; six step great grandchildren; her sisters, Edith Martin, Elsie Johnson and Doris Paulsen, all of Exira; her brothers and their wives, Leland Griffin (Frances) of Exira and Norman (Imo) Griffin of Grandin, ND; her sister-in-law, Violet Griffin of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Nancy Jensen Oct. 18, 1999, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Trudy Patterson, LeAnn Lester, Ann Marie Doran, Sheri Rush and Amy Kline. Casket bearers were Terry Wilson, Tom Kline, Kraig Kline, Randy Esbeck, Dennis Esbeck, Greg Kline, Taylor Wilson, Mark Kline, Jon Esbeck, Charles Van Kline, Mitch Kline and David Kline.