

## Anna Paasch, 85

May 7, 1920 - March 19, 2006



**WALNUT** — Anna Emma Kock, daughter of Arthur and Bertha Williams Kock, was born May 7, 1920, in Cumberland. The following year her parents moved back to the Walnut area and she has lived in this area since then. She attended Monroe #9 country school through the eighth grade and then attended Walnut High School graduating as Valedictorian of her class in 1937. She was a student at Dana College for one year. After her schooling, she was employed at the Shelby County AAA Office in Harlan from 1938 through 1943 and then worked in Omaha at Byron Reed Company as a secretary until 1950.

Anna married Vernon Paasch Aug. 20, 1950, in Walnut. She was employed by the Walnut State Bank from 1951 until her retirement in 1983. At that time she was cashier, trust officer and a member of the Board of Directors. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 2000. Anna has been a member of the Peace United Church of Christ since 1935, the year she and Vernon were confirmed. She taught Sunday school for several years, sang in the choir, and had been a member and officer of the Church Board and also a member of the Peace Haven Board of Directors for two terms. She died March 19, 2006, at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 85 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Anna is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Vernon. She is survived by her sister, Letty Johnson of Atlantic; niece, Kris Haver; grand nephew, Jeremy Haver and grand niece, Kelsey from Redding, PA; step nephew, Jeff Johnson from Falls City, OR; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 23, 2006, at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Burial was in Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut, with George Mertz, Albert Warnke, Bob Andersen and Milton Mueller honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were John Clayton, Jim Sulhoff, Bernal Kleen, Byron Dean, Dean Wasser, and Larry Koch. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.