

Esther Anna Marie Paulsen, 89

Aug. 14, 1907 - April 17, 1997 ✓

MANNING - Esther, daughter of John and Charlotte Otte Sunderman, was born Aug. 14, 1907, in Fort Morgan, CO. She moved to Clarinda, with her parents and eight brothers and sisters when she was four years old. She graduated from Clarinda High School and then attended and graduated from Drake University in Des Moines.

She taught school in Irwin, where she met and married Ted Paulsen Dec. 27, 1930. To this union was born one child, Charlotte. Esther, her husband and daughter moved to Manning in 1944. She was a homemaker, taught school and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and worked on Braille. In 1976, she took over as manager of the Golden Rule Store where she remained for eight years until her retirement in 1982. She entered Manning Plaza Nursing Home in 1993, and died there April 17, 1997, at age 89 years, eight months and three days.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband in 1967; a son-in-law, Jerome Callanan in 1967; one grandchild, Jeffrey; four brothers, Dolph, Dan, Casper and Glen Sunderman; three sisters, Josephine Henneman, Mable Steeve and Clara Steeve all of Clarinda.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte (Ronald) Kocourek of Burr Ridge, IL; six grandchildren, Timothy, David, Kevin, John, Susan and Robert; nine great grandchildren, Lee, Kyle, Ryan, Stephanie, Michael, Christopher, Jaclyn, Emily and Hannah Elizabeth; a sister, Elsie Muller of Clarinda, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 1997, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, with Pastor Curt Dwyer officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were Bill Bruhn, Leland Kienast, Kenneth Jensen, Claus Bunz, Laverne Olsen and Milo Clark. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.