

## Mae L. Pries, 86

*March 2, 1915 - Jan. 25, 2002*

**IRWIN** — Mae LaFawn Pries, daughter of Cassie and Lillian (Silverwood) Armentrout, was born March 2, 1915, on a farm near Botna. She was baptized and confirmed at Irwin Methodist Church and attended school at Kirkman.

April 18, 1932, she married Joe Pries at Omaha, NE. One child was born to this union, Charlene. After their marriage, they resided in Botna and Irwin, while Joe was employed by Shelby County as a maintenance operator. After several years, they farmed on the Ernest Will and Dorothy Beh farms until 1949, when they had a farm sale and moved to Irwin, where Joe owned and operated a trucking business. In 1950, they purchased the Irwin Locker from Abe Meyers, which they operated for 13 years. After selling the business to Richard Sorenson, she continued to work there. Later, they accepted employment at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. Joe died following open heart surgery Jan. 13, 1974; She was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church and the Ladies Circle in Irwin. She died Jan. 25, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 86 years, 10 months and 23 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; grandson, Billy Joe; and a brother, Earl. Survivors include her daughter, Charlene (William) Gehring of Denison; a granddaughter, Tonya Rateau; two great grandchildren, Travis Cipseana (Joan) of Hampton, VA and Holly Russell of Hampton, VA; her brother, Alvin "Buck" Armentrout (Betty Lou) of Irwin; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 2002, at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Tom Gaer officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Bill Brue, Bill McMahon, Lyle Campbell and Donald Kutnink honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Hal Youngkin, Randall Armentrout, Walter Murray, Richard Schwieso, Dick Sorensen and Allyn Bartelson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

