

Opal Kelley Toxword,

Dec. 3, 1922 - Oct. 22, 1997

OMAHA - Opal Ruth Kelley was born on a farm near Panora to Thomas W. and Luella Park Kelley, the eldest of their children. She graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1940. After graduation, she moved to Omaha, and was employed as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone.

She married Oren Toxword April 10, 1948. After his death, she was employed by Woodmen of the World Life Ins. Society. Following retirement, she was involved with several civic and fraternal organizations; Kids in the Hood; Over 60, AARP, The Miller Park Community Council and the Woodmen. She died Oct. 22, 1997, after a long battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oren; her daughter, Kathleen Ernest of Bellevue, NE; two granddaughters, Jennifer Ernest, who attends Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA and Claire Kelley; Donald (Janice) Kelley of Woodbine and George (Robert) Schraeder of Woodbine, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24, 1997, at Roeder Mortuary, Omaha, NE, with the Rev. James M. Cunningham officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Casket bearers were Kit Kelley, Craig Kelley, Neil Schraeder, Lynn Schraeder, Ken Muhlestein and Van Cleave.

