

Bernice Thurber, 97

Dec. 27, 1905 - Aug. 25, 2003

LONGMONT, CO – Bernice Ollie Thurber, the eldest of nine siblings, was born Dec. 27, 1905, in Norfolk, NE, to George and Blanche Eble. She attended school in Hubbard, NE, before moving to Shelby, where she finished high school and worked in a bakery. She was a 1925 graduate of the Shelby High School. She also worked in a general store in Avoca before moving to Colorado in 1931. On farms in northeastern Colorado, she and her common-law husband, G.J. "Joe" Moon, raised corn, wheat, cattle, chickens and turkeys until Mr. Moon's death in 1981. She died Aug. 25, 2003 in Longmont, CO, at age 97.

Bernice's brother, George Eble, who owned and operated a grocery store in Shelby for many years, preceded her in death, as did her brother, Kenneth, and two stepchildren, Marie Whittemore and Richard Moon. She is survived by her sister, Ruby Brown, a lifelong resident of Shelby; four other sisters, Mary Owings of Ames; Grace Beck and Peggy Sterling of Omaha, NE; and Jessie Brees of Florence, AZ; a brother, Charles Eble of Iowa City; her daughter, Winona Chrisman; and son-in-law, Vic, of Longmont, CO; a stepdaughter, Mable Postal, of Brighton, CO; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Aug. 30, 2003, in Longmont, CO.