

Erma Turk, 87

May 29, 1916 - Oct. 1, 2003

ATLANTIC – Erma Roberts Turk was born to Robert E. and Gladys (Drake) Smith May 29, 1916, at a farm outside of Wiota. She grew up in the Wiota and Anita areas and graduated from Wiota High School in 1934.

Erma worked at Scott's Five and Dime in Atlantic until her marriage to Walter C. Turk July 7, 1940, at Rockport, MO. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Atlantic and was active with the United Methodist Women serving in the Esther Circle. She was a red lady with the Cass County Memorial Hospital auxillary and volunteered over 4000 hours in service. She also helped as secretary to Turk Roofing. She died Oct. 1, 2003, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 87.

Erma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Evelyn Cryer; and a nephew, Garland Cryer. She is survived by two daughters, Karla (Larry) Gustason of Kirkman; Jonell (Jack) Cook of Mt. Ayer; one son, Darwin Turk (Ruth) of Lewis; seven grandchildren, Brent Gustason (Linda) of Campbellsport, WI; Kevin Gustason (Lu) of Evergreen, CO; Colette (Stacy) Sternhagen of Cedar Falls; Rachael (Anthony) Christensen of Atlantic; Andrea Turk of Lewis; Brian Cook (Andrea) of Brooklyn; Scott Cook of Mt. Ayer; five great grandchildren, Quinn Gustason, Ashley and Austin Sternhagen, and Ty and Trey Cook; a step great granddaughter, Dani Capra; a brother, Charles D. Smith (Marge) of Des Moines; a sister-in-law, Rosella Reeves of Omaha, NE; and two nephews, Dennis Cryler of Cedar Falls; and Bill Knight of Texas.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2003, at Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic, with Pastor Gary De Geest of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery.