

## Ferne Dittmer, 93

**MINDEN** - Ferne Dittmer was born in Pleasant Twp., Fulton Co., IL., Nov. 25, 1896. She was the daughter of Wilmer and Mary Parr Brown. She was the oldest of three children. In the fall of 1904, the family moved to Friend, NE. Later years were spent in the Exeter, Fairmont and Clarks, Nebraska vicinities. She was a graduate of the Clarks, Nebraska High School. She graduated with the class of 1914. She taught rural school.

She married John Dittmer Dec. 3, 1919 at York, NE. In the spring of 1920, they moved to the farm east of Minden, and has resided on the farm the remaining years of her life. They were the parents of three sons. John died Dec. 31, 1967. In May of 1989 she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan and the past two weeks was a patient of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, where she died Sept. 10, 1990, at age 93 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; one sister, Ruth Dittmer and one brother, Herman Brown. Survivors include her sons, Lawrence of Shelby; Gayle of Bella Vista, AR., and Willard at home; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one niece; two nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 1990 at Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Norman E. Meyer, officiating. Casketbearers were Virgil Nihsen, Lester Ploen, Donald Hipnar, Gordon Schroder, Tony Wingert and Raymond Wendt. Burial was in the Minden cemetery.