

Gloria R. Dollen, 78

PERSIA - Gloria Rosamond Dollen, daughter of Harry LeRoy and Susie Pearl McGavern was born March 2, 1910 on a farm west of Persia. She attended Sunny Hillside School and graduated from Persia High School with the class of 1929.

She married Harold Monroe Dollen Sept. 2, 1931 at Omaha, NE. He died Sept. 24, 1973. This union was blessed with one son and two daughters. They made their home on a farm south of Persia, except for ten years in Harlan. She was a homemaker and had been a Garden City, KS resident since Oct., 1980, moving from Persia. She had been living at the Garden Valley Retirement Village since Nov. 1, 1981, and had moved to the Nursing Section in March of this year. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church Women in Persia and was an associate member of the First United Methodist Church and Hands Circle in Garden City. She died Sept. 1, 1988 at St. Catherine's Hospital in Garden City after a long illness at age 78 years and 6 months.

During her years in Persia she belonged to the Friendly Neighbor club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Senior Citizens. She was a member of Agatha Chapter # 192, Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron in 1964 and Past Matrons Club, all of Neola and was a Pink Lady with the Hospital Auxiliary at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs. After her move to Garden City she became a dual member of Finney Chapter # 359, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Matrons Club, Acorn Club and Sequoyah E.H.U.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Durward and Donald and her son, Duane. She is survived by her two daughters, Elaine C. Nelson of Garden City and Sharon A. Howard of Atlantic and daughter-in-law, Jackie Dollen of Shelby; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 2 at Garnand Funeral Home, Garden City with Rev. Calvin Hartman officiating, followed by a service by Finney Chapter # 359 Order of the Eastern Star. Another service was held Monday, Sept. 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Persia, with Rev. Wendell Berggren officiating. Casket bearers were grandsons, Dean A. Nelson, Daniel L. Nelson, Charles D. Nelson, Scott A. Dollen, Steven H. Dollen and Duane Barrier. Burial was in Valley View cemetery, Persia, with graveside services conducted by Agatha Chapter 192, Neola, Order of the Eastern Star. Garnand Funeral Home, Garden City, KS and Schumacher Funeral Home, Logan was in charge of arrangements.