

Verda Fitzgerald, 89

Aug. 6, 1915 - Jan. 22, 2005

PERSIA — Verda Lillian Fitzgerald, daughter of William E. and Mary Lillian Slaven Williams, was born Aug. 6, 1915, on a farm near Portsmouth. She attended Leland Grove Country School where the Pickard Sisters were the teachers.

Oct. 24, 1936, Verda married M. G. "Casey" Fitzgerald at Lakewood, CO. After their marriage, they lived in Denver, CO, where she was employed at Montgomery Wards. In August of 1950, they returned to Persia where Casey was Chief of Police. April 1, 1951, they purchased Casey's Club and they worked together until retiring in 1973. After retiring, Verda and Casey remained in Persia. She died Jan. 22, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, five months and 16 days.

In addition to her parents, Verda was preceded in death by her sisters, Delores Becker, Ruby Williams, and Bonnie Wolverton; her brothers, Deryl, Ray and Lloyd. Survivors include her husband, M. G. "Casey" Fitzgerald of Persia; her daughter, Sharon Engman Jensen of Salem, MO; three grandchildren, Diane (Scott) Brich, Ron Engman (Susanne) and Rick Engman; seven great-grandchildren, Ryan, Katie, Rachael, Shea, Amanda, Christy and Bradley; her sisters, Opal Plambeck of Papillion, NE; Evelyn Kuster of Persia; Gloria Shield of Rowley; her brother, Melvin Williams (Marie) of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank officiating with Ron Engman, Travis Kuster, Corey Argbaugh, Tom Ward, Rick Engman and Nick Kuster casket bearers. Burial was held in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia.

