

## Edythe LaVonne Hanson, 81

*Jan. 17, 1919 - Feb. 27, 2000*

**IRWIN** - Edythe LaVonne Hanson was born Jan. 17, 1919, to Murray and Pearl (West) Burgess in Irwin, where she resided most of her life. She graduated from Irwin High School in the spring of 1935.

She married Henry Jennings Hanson in 1935. They spent their first year together in Minneapolis, MN, and returned to the Irwin area the following year where they farmed for many years. In 1972, they retired from farming and moved to Irwin. Following Henry's death in 1981, Edythe continued to live in Irwin until 1997, when she moved to the Care Center in Crete, NE, to be near her daughter, Donna. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She served her church in many ways throughout her life. Even in failing health the last few years, she continued to use her artistic talents in service by contributing her crocheting and other handiwork to the church. She also supported the Irwin community in many ways. In 1981, she co-chaired the Irwin Centennial Cookbook. She died Feb. 27, 2000, at age 81 years, one month and ten days in Crete, NE.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and by an infant brother. She is survived by her four children, daughter, Gloria (Milan) Johnson of Lincoln, NE; son, Richard Hanson (Shirley) of Irwin; daughter, Carol (Roy) Jensen of Omaha, NE, and daughter, Donna (Wayne) Rutherford of Crete, NE; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Casket bearers were Del Johnson, Scot Rutherford, Josh Dobson, Jason Jensen, Rob Kopecky, Rick Hanson, Westley Walker and Wayne Dobson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.