

Mabelle V. Hayward, 99

Sept. 19, 1900 - Oct. 21, 1999

IRWIN - Mabelle Viola Hayward was born Sept. 19, 1900, in Douglas Township near Kirkman, to Anna (Grage) and Charles Ferry. She grew to adulthood near Kirkman, where she attended the Kirkman United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Kirkman High School.

Oct. 4, 1923, she married Merle Hayward in the parsonage of the Broadway United Methodist Church in Co. Bluffs. To this union one daughter, Geraldine, was born. The couple resided on a farm near Kirkman where they farmed until moving to Irwin in October of 1961. Following her move to Irwin, she joined the Irwin United Methodist Church and became a member of the United Methodist Church Women in which she actively participated for many years. She also served in the American Legion Auxiliary. She died Oct. 21, 1999, at Manilla Manor at age 99 years, one month and two days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Merle Hayward, Oct. 14, 1962; daughter, Geraldine Thompson; and two brothers, Arthur and Glen Ferry. She is survived by two granddaughters, Marsha (Keith) Miller of Denison; Sharon (Dennis) Essig of Bolingbrook, IL; niece, Joan (Russell) Lange of Elk Horn; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23, 1999, at United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph Boysen officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman, with Keith Miller, George Musfeldt, Dennis Essig, John Andersen, Russell Lange and Jim Kinkennon casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.