

Ella Hundt, 90

July 21, 1914 - July 21, 2004

SHELBY – Ella Louise Steffens Hundt, the daughter of John and Helene Eilts Steffens, was born July 21, 1914, on a farm near Cumberland, the youngest of 13 children. She grew up on the farm and attended Pleasant Dell country school. Ella graduated from MME Kennedy Beauty School in Des Moines, and passed the state boards. After completion of the state boards, she moved to Santa Barbara, CA, where she was a domestic housekeeper as she was not licensed in California. She attended Santa Barbara Business College and graduated in 1944. She then moved back to Iowa and worked at Builders Supply Company and Sears & Roebuck in Atlantic.

Dec. 30, 1953, Ella married Irvin Hundt in Fort Dodge. After their marriage, they lived on a farm near Minden until retiring in Shelby. Irvin died Oct. 19, 1990. She lived in her home until 2002, when she lived with her daughter, Judy (Dale) for one year. In June, she moved to Assisted Living in Gretna, NE, and finally to Gretna Community Living Center. Ella was active in the LCMS Church and its various organizations such as Waltham League, Fellowship Club, Alter Guild and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She held offices in the Business Professional Woman Organization. She was also a member of the Shelby Garden Club and the Senior Citizens Friendship Club. Ella died July 21, 2004, at the Gretna Community Living Center in Gretna, NE, at age 90 years.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Irvin, she was preceded in death by her 12 brothers and sisters, Marie and Anna, Herman, Antone, John, Henry, Bernhard, Albert, Walter and George, and one brother and sister in infancy. Survivors include her daughter, Judith (Dale) McPheeters of Omaha, NE; her stepchildren, Lorraine (Richard) Norman of Gretna, NE; Shirley (Grover "Varel") Holaday of Lewis; and Bob Hundt (Karen) of Avoca; 12 step-grandchildren; 26 step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Irene Steffens and Ruth Steffens of Atlantic; Alberta Steffens of Cumberland; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held July 24, 2004, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oakland, with Rev. Benjamin Harju officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery, Oakland. Casket bearers were Steve Norman, Dean Holaday, Scott Norman, Jeff Hundt, Brad Hundt, Dan Holaday and Doug Hundt. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.