

Anna W. Larson, 96

IRWIN - Anna, daughter of P.K. and Marie Gorichs Paulsen was born Dec. 25, 1892 at Irwin. She attended school in Irwin and Harlan. She was a clerk at Paulsen's Store for several years. She married Roy Larson on April 16, 1918 at Irwin. They farmed near Irwin for many years and later moved into Irwin and opened Larson's Garage which they operated until their retirement. Roy died on March 30, 1964. She continued to live in their home until March 25, 1987 when she moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 182 for 72 years and served as Past Worthy Matron. She was also a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as a member of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She spent much of her free time supporting the local sports teams. She had been in failing health for several years before her death on Oct. 13, 1989 at Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn age age 96 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; by three sons, Paul Lewis, Robert Wayne and Richard LeRoy; by two granddaughters; by two sisters; and by six brothers. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Alice Larsen of Joplin, MO., and Dixie (Russell) Thompson of Mesa, AZ.; by a foster son, Earl W. Knudson of Irwin; by 16 grandchildren; by 32 great-grandchildren; and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Oct. 16, 1989 at United Methodist Church in Irwin with Rev. Richard Reipe, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin with Paul Larson, Mark Larson, Alan Larson, Robert Larson, John C. Paulsen and John White serving as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearers were Patrick Gallagher, Lynn Rutherford, John Tucker, Eric Thompson, Lee Petersen, Bart Schmidt. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.