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## **Johanna Marie Larson, 93**

**IRWIN** - Johanna, daughter of Walter and Marie Larsen, was born Feb. 15, 1895 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her parents had been living in the U.S. and returned to this country after Johanna's birth, settling in the Harlan area where she attended public schools.

Oct. 19, 1916 she married Carl Larson at McCook, NE. Three daughters, Mary Jane, Betty and Valdean were born to this union. They purchased a farm between Irwin and Manilla where they farmed and lived for the next 55 years, retiring on March 1, 1966 to make their home in Irwin. Carl died in 1975. She stayed in her home in Irwin for a few years and

then in 1982 moved to the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in Manilla where she died on May 31, 1988 at age 93 years, 3 months and 16 days.

She was a charter member and organizer of the Jefferson Community Club and was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin. She was an avid collector of antiques.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Mary Jane Gawley in 1985 and her grandson, Tom Gawley in 1976. She is survived by two daughters: Betty (Mrs Howard) Yost of Charles City and Valdean (Mrs Harry) Fischer of rural Manilla; eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 3, 1988 at the United Methodist Church in Irwin with Rev. Walter Bernard officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin with honorary bearers being Carl Armentrout, Ray Larson, Garland Barratt and Carl Rohr. Casket bearers were Steve Gawley, Tim Peters, Stan Yost, Tom Stonehouse, Gary Erps and Doug Anderson. Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.