

Irena Ann Mickelson, 70

June 5, 1922 — Feb. 16, 1993

HAMLIN — Irena Ann Mickelson, daughter of John Paul and Marie Jensen Paxton, was born June 5, 1922 in Panora, and died Feb. 16, 1993 at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital in Audubon, at age 70 years, 8 months, and 11 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Panora. She attended school in Indianola, and graduated from the Harlan High School. She then attended nursing school at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs. After completing her schooling she worked for a doctor in AZ. She returned to Harlan, where she worked as a nurse at the Murphy Hospital.

Dec. 26, 1946 she married Normal Mickelson at the Methodist church Chapel in Harlan. They moved to his family farm near Irwin which they operated until 1959. They purchased a farm near Fiscus which they operated until 1969. They moved to their farm west of Hamlin, until 1972 when they retired to their present home near Hamlin. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin and was a member of the Ladies Circle. She was also a member of several neighborhood clubs.

Preceding her in death was her step-daughter, Donella Ross; her grandson, Jason Hart; and her parents. Survivors include her husband, Normal Mickelson of Hamlin; her son-in-law, George E. Ross of Audubon; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 1993 at the first United Methodist Church in Audubon. Pastors Dr. Emmanuel Tabelisma and Harvey G. Quandt officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove cemetery in Audubon. Casketbearers were Brian Andersen, Neal Christoffersen, Ray Dreher, Mike Hansen, Raymond Nielsen, Charles Stolz, Sr., and Zachary Wiges. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.