

Ruth Reed, 94

May 4, 1908 - Nov. 8, 2002

SHELBY – Ruth Elizabeth Reed was born May 4, 1908, in Harlan, daughter of John Edward and May Malick Campbell, and was one of three children. Ruth graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1926.

Following her graduation, she married Albert Jensen Dec. 15, 1926. The two lived in Shelby before moving to a farm six miles southeast of Harlan in Center Township. In 1934, they moved back to Shelby. In the fall of 1945, they purchased the Standard Oil Business in Shelby. Albert died Feb. 1, 1954. Following Albert's death she moved to Harlan to care for her mother. Ruth continued to live in Harlan where she met John Reed.

The two were married Nov. 29, 1960, and moved to Shelby. John died May 6, 1982. Ruth continued to live in her own home until 1999 when she moved to the Avoca Nursing & Rehab Center. She belonged to many Bridge Clubs and 500 Clubs. She was a 50-year member of the Shelby Methodist Church. Ruth died Nov. 8, 2002, at the Avoca Nursing & Rehab Center at age 94 years, six months and four days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Albert and John; a sister, Myrtle Crees; a brother, Alvin Campbell; and her stepson, Leland Reed. She is survived by her son, Eldon (Patty) Jensen of Shelby; two stepdaughters, Marilyn (Bernard) Jarosik of Omaha, NE and Karen (Jeff) Parson of Council Bluffs; five grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; 12 step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11, 2002, at the Shelby Methodist Church with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Shawn Finney, Jim Jarosik, Steve Reed, Michael Jensen, Dr. Craig Welbourne, Rick Jensen, Mark Jensen and Jack Jensen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.