

Ina Rothfuss, 87

Oct. 27, 1912 – Feb. 2, 2000

GRAND ISLAND, NE – Ina L. Rothfuss was born Oct. 27, 1912, to John and Grace (Dean) Lyon at Harlan. She graduated from Harlan Public Schools in 1930. She relocated to Grand Island, NE, and attended Grand Island Business College in 1930 and 1931.

She married Raymond Larsen March 11, 1931, in McCook, NE. The couple resided in Grand Island where she was employed with Fairmont Creamery from 1936 to 1940, Twin Rivers from 1940 to 1943 and the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant from 1943 to 1946. He died in 1959. She attended and graduated from Kearney State College in 1963, with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught first grade at Lincoln Elementary School from 1963 until her retirement in 1978.

She married Albert Rothfuss April 3, 1964, in Grand Island, NE. She then furthered her education, obtaining her master's degree in education in 1972. After her retirement, she tutored children and adults. He died in 1989. In addition to over 600 hours of volunteer work, she was Past President of the Akita Club, Business and Professional Women, Roberta Rice Guild and AARP and TRIAD. She was a dual member of the Laura May Chapter OES #251 and treasurer of the Women's Home League. She was involved in the Salvation Army, Senior Citizens and served on the Hall County Advisory Board. She was also an officer for the Association of Retired Teachers. She died at St. Francis Memorial Health Center, Grand Island, NE, at age 87 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Raymond Larsen and Albert Rothfuss; two great grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her son, Melvin (Ann) Larsen, Sedona, AZ; daughters, Marilyn (William) Meyer, Kearney, NE; Shirley (Richard) Buettner, Chesapeake, VA; LaVonne (Ronald) Buettner, Lexington, NE and Patsy (R.J. Jack) Buettner, Jr. of Denver, CO; 29 grandchildren; 64 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and sister, Jean Van Oeffelen, Muskegon, MI.

Funeral services were held March 4, 2000, at the Salvation Army Church in Grand Island, with Captain Richard Trimmel officiating. Burial was in the Grand Island City Cemetery.