

Gertrude Smith, 77 (Don)

Gertrude Fern Madison Smith was born Sept. 5, 1909 at Kenmore, N.D. She was the eldest daughter of Carl Martin (Charlie) Madison and Ethel Belle VanDeMark. She resided most of her life in Dunlap.

She married Don A. Smith on June 23, 1928. To this union four children were born: Donald, Richard, Dona and Betty. On Sept. 8, 1976, she moved to Irwin, where she resided with her daughter, Betty Ann. She died Jan. 20, 1987 at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs where she had been ill for a short time at age 77 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; two brothers, Hans Madison and Merritt Madison; one sister, Laura Mae Carlin and her eldest son, Donald. She is survived by her two sisters, Inez (Mrs Jerry) Roundtree of Downey, Ca. and Marie (Mrs Harvey) Probasco of Scribner, NE.; her children, Richard Smith of Dunlap; Dona (Mrs Jack) Crandall of rural Dunlap and Betty Ann Smith of Irwin; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist church in Irwin, Jan. 23, 1987 with Rev. Walter Bernard and Elder Dan Mefferd, officiating. Casketbearers were Don C. Crandall; Charles D. Crandall, Mark Zack, Stephen Healey, Gerald Smith and Larry Harris. Fouts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.