

Matilda Schlueter, 75 ✓

Jan. 24, 1926 – June 2, 2001

SHELBY – Matilda Agnes Schlueter was born Jan. 24, 1926, in David City, NE, daughter of Frank and Karolina Marquardt Sabata, and was one of six children in the family. Tillie graduated eighth grade and then moved to Omaha, where she waitressed and later worked for Swift's meat packing.

She married Adolph Polacek and lived in David City, NE. They were the parents of three children.

She later married Alan Schlueter and in 1969 they made their home in Shelby where she has resided since. Tillie was the owner and operator of Tillie's Café and Tillie's Lunch Wagon for several years and also helped at Johnnie's Phillips 66. She was an active member of the Rebekahs and of the Shelby Presbyterian Church. Tillie died June 2, 2001, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 75 years, four months and nine days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alan; two brothers; Frank and Joe Sabata; two sisters, Carolyn Docweiler and Celia Prest. She is survived by three children, Rodney Polacek (Linda); Johnnie Schlueter (Karen) and Carol Fox, all of Shelby; one sister, Mary Samek of Wahoo, NE; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 5, 2001, at the Shelby Presbyterian Church with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Tom Docweiler, Daniel Samek, Valerian Samek, Bill Riha and Ron Sabata. Casket bearers were Bill Fox, Tom Lee, Rick Kiesel, Paul Polacek, Jim Fox, T.J. DeBolt, Lance Buck and Mike Skiles. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.