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Wilma Schroder, 85 —

Oct. 1, 1917 - Oct. 25, 2002

SHELBY — Wilma Christina Emma Schroder was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Gregory, SD, the daughter of Julius and Johanna "Tillie" Peters Sievers. She attended school at Shelby, and graduated with the class of 1935.

She married Ray Schroder Sept. 30, 1937, in Papillion, NE. They made their home on a farm east of Avoca. In 1941, they moved to the rural Shelby area where they farmed for 32 years. In 1947, there was an addition to the Schroder family when two children, Janice and Jim, came to live in their home. In 1974, Wilma and Ray retired from farming and moved into their home in Shelby. She was a member of the Shelby Lutheran Church and participated in quilting projects done by the ladies of the church. Wilma died Oct. 25, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 85 years and 24 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray, who died in 1987; her brother, Herbert; an infant brother and an infant sibling; one grandchild and one great grandchild. She is survived by her son, James Schroder (Lorraine) of Sioux City; her daughter, Janice Betts of Omaha, NE; 17 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29, 2002, at the Shelby Lutheran Church with Pastor Dale Jenson officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Irene Peterson, Neil Tometen, Del Zimmerman and Dorothy Eggers. Casket bearers were Dennis "Jimmy" Schroder, Curt Kubly, Cal Kubly, Rodney Schroder, Ron Kroll and Bernard Schroder. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.