

Doris Shannon, 85

Feb. 15, 1922 - April 9, 2007

KIRKMAN - Doris R. Shannon, daughter of Jack and Hannah (Parks) Wailes, was born Feb. 15, 1922, at Bayard. She later moved with her family to Manning, where she attended school in Manning and graduated in 1939 from Manning High School.

Dec. 1, 1940, Doris married Ellsworth Shannon at the Methodist Church in Manning. After their marriage, they lived in Kirkman for two years while Ellsworth farmed in the area. After a few years, they moved to their present home near Kirkman where they have lived for 64 years and raised three children. She faithfully attended the Kirkman United Methodist Church and was a long-time member of Willing Workers, which later became the United Methodist Women (UMW). When her children were school-age, she began working as an Avon representative and continued to sell Avon until her death. Doris was both a charter and longtime member of the LNO Club. She died April 9, 2007, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs after a fairly brief illness at age 85 years, 1 month, and 25 days.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dorothy and Esther; and two brothers, Robert and William. She is survived by her husband Ellsworth; three children, Pat (Norris) Olson of Manilla, Nancy (Lynn) Douglas of Edina, MO, and Jack (Lori) Shannon of Manning; three grandchildren, Gloria (Brett) Irlbeck of Manning, Mark (Mindy) Olson of Council Bluffs, and Shannon Meister of Council Bluffs; five great-grandchildren, Melissa, Michelle, and MaKayla Irlbeck of Manning, and Lauren and Nathan Olson of Council Bluffs; a sister, Nellie Hinners of Del Ray, FL; a sister-in-law, Laverne Wailes of Boone; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2007, at the Kirkman United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Hans Nielsen, Ivan Fries, Russell Adams, Larry Wailes, Merlin Heilesen, Pete Petersen, Gayle "Whitey" Petersen, and Virgil Christensen. Casket bearers were Jay Nielsen, Rick Wailes, Terry Fiscus, Karl Hanson, Dennis Shannon, and Rod Shannon. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.