

Louise Swancutt, 90

April 13, 1916 - July 9, 2006

SHELBY — Frances Louise Swancutt was born on the family farm near Shelby, April 13, 1916, daughter of Frank and Martha Pingel Kardell. She was one of seven children. She graduated from Shelby High School with the class of 1933. She moved to Omaha to be a housekeeper and nanny for a dentist.

While Louise was in Omaha, she met Ralph Swancutt, who was enlisted in the Army and stationed at Ft. Omaha. They were married in 1941. She was a clerk at the Safeway Store in Omaha. They later moved to a farm near Shelby. Ralph died June of 1960. Louise moved to town and went to Beauty School. She operated a beauty shop from her home for many years. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine and the United Lutheran Church of Shelby. She died July 9, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, at age 90 years, two months and 26 days.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph; and a sister, Maxine Kriz. She is survived by her sisters, Helen Smith of San Diego, CA and Eileen (Don) Morse of Council Bluffs; her brothers, Franz Kardell (Mary) of Oakland; George Kardell of Dallas, TX; and Lester Kardell (Margaret) of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 13, 2006, at the United Lutheran Church with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Darrell Morse, Frank Kardell, Terry Smith, Don Morse, Bob Kardell, Jeff Morse, Eric Morse and Dan Kardell. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.