

Opal Fay Berge West, 91

July 20, 1904 - Aug. 12, 1995

Traer - Opal Fay Berge West was born July 20, 1904 near Hancock, the daughter of Henry and Lulu McKinney Berge, and was one of six children in the family. She attended school in Co. Bluffs.

She married Lealen "Scoop" West Feb. 2, 1923 in Papillion, NE. They made their home in the Minden area and were the parents of two sons, Delmar and Dale. She assisted her husband in the trucking firm which they began in the mid-twenties. They hauled grain and livestock for area farmers. They retired from the trucking business in 1964. "Scoop" died Aug. 20, 1986. She remained in Minden until 1988, when she moved to Waterloo. She lived there until 1990 when she became a resident of the Traer Nursing Home in Traer. She died Aug. 12, 1995 at the nursing home in Traer at age 91 years and 23 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lealen; five brothers and sisters, Ruby Menary, Eva Kramer, Harold "Bob" Berge, Max Berge and Gerald "Babe" Berge and a daughter-in-law, Arleene West. She is survived by her two sons, Delmar West of Waterloo and Dale West (Bonnie) of Pueblo, CO; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 15, 1995 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Steve Welbourne, Edwin Nihsen, Delmar Petersen, William Kahler, Paul Nihsen and Ronald Coffman.