

Grace Wilfong, 87

Jan. 1, 1911 - Jan. 1, 1998

MANILLA - Grace Ramona Wilfong, daughter of Lewis and Mary Thompsen Kuchel, was born Jan. 1, 1911, near Irwin in Shelby County. She attended rural school in Shelby County and graduated from Irwin High School in 1928. She attended Normal Training in Atlantic; then taught rural school for four years in the Irwin area.

Sept. 27, 1933, she married Johnny Wesley Wilfong in a double ceremony with Ray and Alice Berndt at Shenandoah. They were the parents of one daughter, Janice. They farmed in the Botna area and then moved to Manilla where her husband worked for Skelly Oil until he became ill with cancer. He died in 1974. Over the years she worked for Dyson's Store, Alfred Paulson's Dry Goods, Dr. Merrick and the Manilla Manor until her retirement. In May of 1996, she became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home, Manilla, where she died Jan. 1, 1998, at age 87 years.

Besides her husband, Johnny, she was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Ronald Scott Christensen; two brothers, one her twin at birth, and two sisters, Frances Wilfong and Mildred Birks. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Christensen of Manilla; six grandchildren, Brad Georgius (Lana) of Manilla; Kim (Barry) Christensen of Manilla; Mike Georgius (Julie) of Buck Grove; Steve Georgius (Renée) of Powell, WY; Bobby Georgius (Patty) of Thermopolis, WY and Danny Georgius (Holly) of Denison; 14 great grandchildren, Jared, Justin and Jon Georgius; Jason and Amy Christensen; Chris and Jessica Georgius; Sarah and Ryan Georgius; Tonya, Trevor and Tayler Georgius and Nicole and Derek Georgius; one great great granddaughter, Alexis Marie Patton, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 1998, at the Ohde Funeral Home with Rev. Larry McAlpine, United Methodist Church, Manning, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Honorary casket bearers were Chris Georgius, Tonya Georgius, Sarah Georgius, Trevor Georgius, Ryan Georgius, Tayler Georgius, Nicole Georgius and Derek Georgius. Casket bearers were Jared Georgius, Jason Christensen, Justin Georgius, Amy Christensen, Jon Georgius and Jessica Georgius.