

Florence Best, 78

Shelby — Florence Carol Best, daughter of Emma Holtz and Charles W. Best, was born Dec. 25, 1902, in Harlan. She died Sunday, March 15, 1981, at age 78 years.

She attended rural Shelby county schools and graduated from the Shelby high school in 1920. On Feb. 25, 1921, she married Thornton S. Eckel of Shelby. This union was blessed with four children. They spent most of their years farming near Shelby before moving to Shelby in 1946.

She lived in Colorado the last 20 years. She was past president of the former Methodist W.S.C.S. in Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Gladys Oathut of Iowa City, one infant sister, her husband, Thornton and an infant son, Warren Eugene. Survivors include her three daughters: Mrs William Bestmann (Geraldine) of Marshalltown, Mrs Stanley Reynolds (Norma) of Mason City, Mrs Richard Hornbecker (Jane) of Broomfield, Colo., and eight grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs Robert Goshorn (Georgia) of Shelby, Mrs Robert Stephan (Virginia) of Spokane, Wash.; and one brother, Charles Best, Jr. of Shelby.
