

CLARA MARGARET  
KETTLER

Clara, daughter of Peter and Bertha Knickrehm Joens, was born November 5, 1887 at Keystone, Iowa. She was educated at the local school. She also took voice and organ lessons.

On April 19, 1911, Clara was united in marriage with Edward Kettler. They made their home at Watkins, for 11 years and then moved to Lidderdale. Clara's husband was associated with the banks in those communities. After a brief residence in Carroll they moved to Irwin, in 1928. Ed was on the Staff of the Farming Savings Bank there and served as bank cashier and President. Ed and Clara continued to make their home in Irwin after his retirement in 1951. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1971. Ed died later that year. The next year Clara moved to Newport News, Virginia to live with her daughter, Minerva

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Wilson. Clara died at her daughter's home on Saturday, January 4, 1986, at the age of 98 years, one month, and 29 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her son-in-law, Harold Wilson, on October 31, 1982; and by three brothers, Henry, in infancy; William; and Theodore; and by one sister, Henrietta Kallsen.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Minerva Wilson, of Newport News, Virginia; and by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In her youth Clara served as a Lutheran Church organist in Keystone, and as a young woman was active in church organizations. In later years her health prevented her from being active in the church but she always remained a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. While she lived in Irwin, Clara held membership in Zion Lutheran Church in Manning and maintained her membership while she lived in Virginia. During the years in Virginia she attended Trinity Lutheran Church there.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kettler were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1986, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia with the Reverends Thomas Bosserman and A.G. Austion officiating. Her body was brought to Iowa where funeral services were held Friday, January 10, 1986, at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning with burial in the Manning City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard Wiig, Gene Borkowski, Steve Borkowski, Robert Kruse, Orval Monson, and Art Kuhn.