

# Bertha Richards, 82

IRWIN — Bertha Lucille Richards, daughter of Peter and Margaretha Pepper Will was born March 9, 1895 near Irwin. She attended rural schools near her home and married George W. Richards on Jan. 27, 1915 at Irwin. After living for three years in Minnesota they returned to farm near Irwin. They moved into Irwin in 1937 and her husband died Febr. 9, 1962. Bertha continued to live in Irwin until moving to the Manning Plaza, March 6, 1974. She was taken to Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison Tuesday, May 24, 1977 and died soon after entering the hospital at age 82 years, 2 months and 15 days. Bertha was a member of the Church of Christ and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Irwin.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, her parents, and two brothers, Peter and Ernest. Survivors include three children - Normal Richards of Irwin; Arlene, (Mrs Ed) Barnum of Woodbine and Opal (Mrs Jack) Gaskill of Irwin, seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two brothers - Emil Will of Harlan and Harry Will of Eureka, Calif.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 27, 1977 at the Church of Christ in Irwin with Pastor Don Schoepf of Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill cemetery in Irwin with her grandsons serving as pallbearers. Ohde Funeral Home in Manning was in charge of arrangements.