

Meta D. Steenbock, 90

Persia — Meta Dorthea Steenbock, daughter of William and Anna Marie Schade Ehlers, was born on a farm near Shelby, May 20, 1888. She died Sunday, March 25, 1979, at the Bethany Lutheran Home in Co. Bluffs at age 90 years, 10 months and five days. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

On May 29, 1912, she married H. Henry Steenbock in Persia. This union was blessed with six children. She was a member at Trinity Lutheran church and was a charter member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They farmed in Harrison and Shelby county for many years until they retired to Persia in 1947. She moved to the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Omaha, Neb., in 1973 and then moved to Bethany Lutheran Home in Co. Bluffs, in 1975.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 1963, her parents and her sisters, Emma Iwen and Helena Ingwersen and one grandson. Survivors include, four sons, Lester of Columbus, Neb., Arnold of Co. Bluffs, Elven of Persia and Rev. Elmer of Coos Bay, Oreg., and two daughters Eunice, Mrs Boyd Groelz of Denver, Colo., and Marie, Mrs Verl Arentson of Harlan, 26 grandchildren and 43 great

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grandchildren.

A prayer service was held at Shumacher Funeral Home in Persia, Tuesday, March 27, 1979. Her son, Rev. Elmer Steenbock and her grandson, Rev. Timothy Steenbock conducted the service.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran church in Persia, Wednesday, March 28, 1979 with Rev. Emil Reinking, Bethany Lutheran Chaplain, officiating. Burial was in the Minden cemetery, with grandsons, Ronald, Virgil, Rodney, Rev. Timothy, Greg, Captain Mark and Airman First Class Brian Steenbock and Larry and Emory Arentson as casket-bearers.