

1483 Ruby Isabelle Thomsen, 77

Ruby Isabelle Thomsen, daughter of James and Martina Halloran Best was born in Tennant on June 26, 1906. She was one of five children in the family. She attended school at Tennant and graduated from the Tennant high school.

On March 17, 1926 she married Warner Thomsen. After their marriage they farmed near Persia for one year. Most of their married life they spent in the Avoca, Walnut and Shelby areas until they moved to Tennant where they lived the last several years.

On Aug. 26, 1983 she and her husband were both burned as they were attempting to relight their hot water heater at their home in Tennant. They were both taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha where she died Thursday, Sept. 1, 1983 at the age of 77 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Shirley Ann; one granddaughter, Vicki Sizelove and one sister, Violet Williams. Survivors include her husband, Warner; two daughters, Dorothy (Mrs Arnold) Sievers of Atlantic, Audrey Sizelove of Westminister, Calif.; two sons, Kenneth of Shelby, Richard of Co. Bluffs; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Woodcock of Lakewood, Calif.; two brothers, Elmer Best of Denver, Colo.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Sunday, Sept. 4, 1983 at the Berthusen-Knutsen Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Bruno Romanowski officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Edwin Swank, Donald Plumb, Owen McGee, Norman Christensen, James Hockett and Kenneth Turner serving as casketbearers.