



Lennie A. Thordsen, 78

Persia — Lennie Alma Thordsen, daughter of James Franklin and Martha Ann (Dedmore) Kemmish, was born on a farm in Union twp. in Harrison county, on April 4, 1899. She attended school in Persia, and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Sept. 17, 1919, she married Herbert J. Thordsen at her parent's home five miles west of Persia. Three sons were born to this union. Even though these three children were lost to them in infancy, Mr and Mrs Thordsen contributed greatly to their own family life by caring for and holding dear two of their nieces. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Thordsen farmed near Persia for almost 20 years. In 1936, they moved into Persia where they bought the Thordsen family home in 1939. Lennie worked for the telephone company for 19 years and Persia was her home until becoming a resident of the Westmont Care Center in Logan, in Nov. of 1977.

Mrs Thordsen died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs on Jan. 29, 1978, at age 78 years, 9 months and 25 days. She was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran church and the L.C.W. in Persia. She received a 50 year membership pin and certificate in Aug. of 1969 from the American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and her sons, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, in Nov. of 1977; and by a brother, Bryan Kemmish. Her survivors include two foster-daughters, Murlene (Mrs LaVern Wilson) of Persia and Sharon (Mrs Jerry McIntosh) of Co. Bluffs; seven foster-grandchildren; a sister, Violet Gerratt, of Logan; a brother, Muryl Kemmish, of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church in Persia, on Wednesday, Feb. 1,