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Lena Johana Schwieso, 86

Nov. 27, 1908 - March 4, 1995

Manilla - Lena, daughter of Killy (Kjeld) and Lena Johanna Frederichson Christensen, was born Nov. 27, 1908 in Astor, Nishnabotna Township, Crawford County. Because her mother died at the time of Lena's birth, she was raised primarily by her aunt, Ella Olson. After her graduation from rural school she began her working life.

Feb. 7, 1934 she married Wilbur Schwieso at the Lutheran Parsonage in Irwin. To this union were born five children. They farmed until 1951 when they moved into Manilla. He died in 1982. She continued working for various people in the Manilla area throughout her life and retired from her work at the Manilla Manor in 1987. She was a lifelong member of the Nishna Valley Club, as well as a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the

American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries. In 1990 she became a resident of the Manilla Manor and had been in failing health since that time. Shortly after entering the Manning General Hospital she died Mar. 4, 1995 at age 86 years, three months and five days.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Schwieso. Survivors include her children: Roger Schwieso (Connie) of Harlan; Janice Morman (Noble) Heller of Sun City, AZ; Gary Schwieso (Georgia) of Carroll; Dennis Schwieso (Lucy) of Des Moines; and Kathy (Jim) Nightingale, of Omaha; 10 grandchildren; one step-grandson; eight great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Mar. 8, 1995 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Manilla with Pastor Timothy Geitz officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were: Lester Steckelberg, Keith Schwieso, Lester Hass, Alan Jensen, Larry Justice, Roger Schwieso, Jr. and Ken Schwieso. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.