

Bessie Huey, 90

Bessie Irene Huey, daughter of William Elbert and Roletta Amanda Calkin Gapen, was born June 18, 1891 at Clarks, Neb. She attended school in Neb. and S.D. and received her teaching certificate in Mitchell, S.D. She then homesteaded at Stamford, S.D. and taught school for seven years in log cabins and adobe schoolhouses on the S.D. Rosebud Indian reservation.

On Sept. 7, 1916, she married Iles Kerlin Huey at her parents' home in Long Pine, Neb. 11 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home on Mr Huey's homestead at White River, S.D., where all of their children were born. In 1934, they moved to Oto, during the dust bowl days when food was needed for the livestock. In 1942, the family moved to the Irwin vicinity where they lived and farmed several farms in the area. After Mr Huey's death on May 30, 1958, she continued to make her home in Irwin. In 1970 she moved to the Skyline Manor in Omaha, Neb. This has been her home for the last 11¹ years.

She was a Charter Member of the Congregational Church at Stamford, S.D. and while in Irwin, she was a member of the United Methodist church in Irwin. She died at Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha on May 28, 1982 at the age of 90 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Vesta and Beth; two brothers, Walter and Paul and two sisters, Beulah and Olive. She is survived by three sons, Glee of Audubon, Glen of Colfax, Wisc. and

Roy of Omaha; six daughters: Roletta (Mrs John) Joachimsen of Omaha; Ethel (Mrs Archie) Robinson of Irwin, Mabel (Mrs Hiram) Dicks of Colfax, Wisc., Merle (Mrs LeRoy) Carbo of Atlanta, Ga., Bonnie (Mrs Gerald) Vroman of Lake City and Myrtle (Mrs Emil) Krejci of Florrisant, Mo.; 28 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren; four brothers, Frank Gapen of Sallisaw, Okla., Leonard and Lester Gapen, both of Seattle, Wash. and Ralph Gapen of Santee, Calif.; one sister, Hazel Higley of Coeur D'Alene, Ida.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, June 1, 1982 with the Rev. Leon Wallace of the United Methodist church in Irwin officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Darryl Rowe, Gaylin Huey, Marlin Huey, Steve Krejci, Kenneth Dicks and Lloyd Robinson serving as casketbearers.