

Velma Ruth Kruse, 57

Velma Ruth, daughter of Grover and Ella Gruhn Steen, was born Aug. 1, 1924, near Botna, in Crawford Co. She was graduated from the Manning high school in 1941. During her high school years she took normal training and after graduation taught country schools in Shelby, Crawford, and Carroll counties.

She married Robert Kruse on Aug. 25, 1945. They lived in Manning for a short time and then moved to their present farm home in the Botna area, near Irwin.

She died on Friday, Nov. 27, 1981, at the Manning General hospital, Manning at the age of 57 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Grover Steen.

Survivors include her husband, Robert and one son, Lynn; two daughters, Shary (Mrs Allan) Arkfeld of Dow city and Luanne (Mrs Arlan) Sandvik of Nevada. Four grandchildren; her mother, Ella Steen; sister, Betty (Mrs Merlin) Welch of Hudson, Fla. and by aunts, uncles, nieces, a nephew and cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 30, 1981 at Zion Lutheran church in Manning with Pastor Edward F. Heinicke officiating. Burial was in Manning cemetery.