

Gladys Abel, 96

Sept. 23, 1901 - Feb. 4, 1998

CRESTON - Gladys Olevia Abel was born Sept. 23, 1901, in Kingsville, MO, the only daughter in a family of seven children. Her father was John Wellington Worden and her mother was Hattie Bertha (Boston) Wellington. At age 13, her family moved to Olathe, KS, and later to Squires, MO.

June 20, 1920, she married Abner Earl Abel. Eight children were born to this union. They moved to Silver City in 1920 where they farmed. They moved several times in Iowa. First in 1928 to Oakland, and then in 1931 to Walnut. In 1945, they moved to a farm one mile north and 1/2 mile east of Cromwell. In 1960, they moved to Creston. She was a member of the Cromwell Congregational United Church of Christ, the Cromwell Women's Fellowship, the S.S.S. Club of Creston and a volunteer at Greater Community Hospital in Creston. She died Feb. 4, 1998, at Greater Community Hospital in Creston at age 96 years, four months and 11 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl; daughters, Evelyn Abel and Beverly Mohr; six brothers, George, Guy, Russell, Raymond, Richard and Carl Worden; a grandson, Michael Abel, and a son-in-law, Gaylord Doonan. She is survived by her children, Kenneth Abel (Darlene) of Creston; Chester Abel (Betty) of Creston; Loretta Doonan and friend, Arnold Petersen of Harlan; Mary Anne Bryant (Bud) of Lenox; Bertha Purdum (Dale) of Lenox; Carol Anderson (Jack) of Manhattan Beach, CA; a son-in-law, Bill Mohr of Creston; four sisters-in-law; 23 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 1998, at the Cromwell Congregational United Church of Christ with Rev. Lucretia Parks officiating. Burial was in the Maple Hill Cemetery in Cromwell. Casket bearers were Jamie Doonan, Dennis Abel, Craig Bryant, Mark Purham, Rodney Abel, Rick Anderson and Brian Mohr. Memorials may be directed to the Cromwell Congregational United Church of Christ. Coen-Beaty Funeral Home of Creston in charge of arrangements.