

## Annie Alff, 97

Aug. 13, 1903 - July 1, 2001

**OAKLAND** - Annie Alff, 97, daughter of Jabo Heinke and Jane Schilcht Willms, was born Aug. 13, 1903, on a farm near Walnut. She went to country school through the eighth grade and then helped out on the family farm.

She met Herman Alff at a dance and they were married May 20, 1925, in Atlantic. Following marriage, they farmed in the Walnut area. She died July 1, 2001, at Oakland Manor at age 97 years, 10 months and 18 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herman Alff, in 1980; two daughters, Elouise, who died in infancy, and Arlene Nieman, who died in November of 1999; a son-in-law, Dick Nieman, in 1986; six brothers, John, Bryan, Henry (Heiny), Herman Ott, and Earnest Willms; and three sisters, Lucy Kahl, Maggie Pierson and Williamae (Tootie) Whitsitt. Survivors include one son, Lester Alff (Dorothy) of Avoca; five grandchildren, Darwin Nieman (Connie) of Chillicothe, MO; Diane Martens (Jon) of Atlantic; Terry Nieman of Walnut; Dr. Marcia Alff of Avoca and Doug Alff (Eileen) of Walnut; five great grandchildren, Brandon Martens (Carey) of Des Moines; Michalle Martens of Atlantic; Brooke Nieman of Chillicothe, MO; Tina Cartier of Lincoln, NE and Tonya Monday (David) of Edinburg, IN; two great great granddaughters, Alexandria Cartier of Lincoln, NE and Katelyn Monday of Edinburg, IN; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 5, 2001, at the Roland Funeral Home, Atlantic, with Pastor Ron Barnett of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Darwin Nieman, Doug Alff, Brandon Martens, Terry Nieman, Jon Martens and Gary Plagmann.