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Leone Best, 79

April 25, 1914 — Aug. 11, 1993

SHELBY — Jennie Leone Best, daughter of Thomas and May (Laird) Hillers was born April 25, 1914 on a farm near Persia. She grew up on the farm and attended country school.

March 26, 1931 she married Arden (Sam) Best at Co. Bluffs. After their marriage they farmed near Shelby, moving to Persia in 1960. She was a homemaker and seamstress. In 1973 they moved to Beebeetown, where both she and Sam worked for Tri-Center Schools. Upon retiring in 1991 they moved to Shelby Sam died Aug. 25, 1992. She made her home in Shelby until April of 1993, when due to illness she moved to the Little Flower Haven in Earling. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Shelby. She died Aug. 11, 1993 at the Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE., at age 79 years, 3 months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Lloyd Hillers; two sisters, Bessie Miller and Nellie Lustgraaf and one grandson, Andrew Thom. She is survived by five children, Lois (Lloyd) Sick of Harlan; Betty (Doug) Kiesel of Shelby; Lyle Best (Jane) of Fountain Valley, CA.; Judy (Bob) Thom of Chesterfield, MO.; Janet (Robert) Meier of Irwin; 9 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 step-great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Floyd Hillers (Jean) of Perry; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 1993 at the United Methodist Church in Shelby. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Rev. Theresa Mastrogiovanni will be officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.