

Lillian E. Bro, 79**April 23, 1916 - June 11, 1995**

Exira - Lillian E. Bro, daughter of Jens Otto and Marie Jensen Levisen, was born April 23, 1916 in Albert Lea, Freeborn County, MN and died June 11, 1995 at the Exira Care Center at age 79 years, 1 month and 10 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. She attended rural school near Albert Lea, then graduated from the Albert Lea High School in 1934. She worked as a waitress in Albert Lea then moved to Milwaukee, WI and did domestic cleaning for a short time. She attended business school in Minneapolis, then worked as a registrar at the Fairview Hospital and as a receptionist for several doctors. She then was employed at the Lutheran Publishing House in Blair, NE.

June 7, 1947 she married Ingward C. Bro at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. They farmed 7 miles west of Exira for 35 years until they retired in the spring of 1975 and moved into Exira. She maintained her own home until she became a resident of the Exira Care Center June 2, 1995. She was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church and was active in the Naomi Circle, and taught Sunday School/Confirmation Class. She belonged to the Thursday Club and was a service councilor for the Lutheran Brotherhood Fraternal Organization.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her sister, Doris Levisen; and her brother and his wife Thorvald and Irene Levisen. Survivors include her husband, Ingward C. Bro of Exira; her children: Pat (Ivan) Paulsen of Folsom, CA; Doug (Glenda) Bro of Claremont, CA; Susan McCloud of Altoona; Bruce (Mary) Bro of Harlan; Mike (Mary Jo) Bro of Bedford, TX; 11 grandchildren; her sister, Helen (Norval) Nelson; her brothers, Arnold (Erma) Levisen; Earl (Maurine) Levisen; Donald (Lorraine) Levisen; Paul (Ruth) Levisen; and Myron (Patricia) Levisen all of Albert Lea, MN; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 16, 1995 at the Exira Lutheran Church with Pastor Lyle C. Lutz officiating. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Pastor Walter Behrens, Ellen Behrens, Henry Kay, Zoe Kay, Edwin Hansen, Eleanor Hansen, Pastor Stanley Hansen, Mary Faith Hansen, Harold Stadsvold, Esther Stadsvold, Clarence Van Aernam, Elaine Van Aernam, Bork Kjergaard, Edna Kjergaard, Lucille Kjergaard, Howard Klinkefus, Winnifred Andersen and Florence Mumm. Casket bearers were: Curtis Andersen, Mark Bro, Richard Bro, Jerry Hickman, Greg Jensen, Bob Levisen, Richard Nelson, Craig Paulsen. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira in charge of arrangements.