

Celia Bargaquast, 90

April 27, 1913 - Dec. 13, 2003

SHELBY – Celia A. Bargaquast, the daughter of Adam and Emma Messerschmidt Kiesel, was born April 27, 1913, on a farm south of Shelby, in Pottawattamie County. She was baptized and confirmed at United Lutheran Church in Shelby. She attended country school and Shelby High School in Shelby.

She married Otto Bargaquast in Papillion, NE. Three children were born to this union, Eugene, Merlin and Pamela. After their marriage, they lived in the Shelby area all their lives. All her life, Celia worked cleaning houses, wall papering and working as a nanny for other area families. Celia was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. She died Dec. 13, 2003, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 90 years, seven months and 16 days.

Celia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Otto, in 1972; 10 brothers and sisters, Lydia, Elmer, Walter, Edwin, Ernest, Hilda, Helen, Elsie and twins, Clarence and Clara; daughter-in-law, Donna Bargaquast; and great granddaughter, Lauren Wiebe. Survivors include her children, Eugene Bargaquast (Sue) of Parker, CO; Merlin Bargaquast (JoAnn) of Shelby; and Pamela (Mark) Allen of Harlan; four grandchildren, Rhonda (Gary) Wiebe of Denver, CO; Jason Bargaquast (Brenda) of Grandville, MI; Heidi (Paul) Maiefski of Nevada, IA; and Stephanie Bargaquast of Harlan; her step granddaughter, Amber Florest of Denver, CO; 11 great grandchildren, Sean, Ryan, Colin, Ian, Dillon and Kevin Wiebe; Jackson, Shelby and Jonathan Bargaquast; and Taylor and Gage Maiefski; her sister and brother, Edna Boll of Walnut and Carl Kiesel (Norma Jean) of Shelby; her husband's brothers and sisters; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16, 2003, at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby, with Pastor Dale Jenson officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery in Shelby, with Norman Trede honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Merle Kiesel, Gene Wilwerding, Darrell Kiesel, Dennis Kiesel, Richard Dau, Robert Kiesel and Steve Enke. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

