

Hazel Bennett, 101

Dec. 27, 1900 - Oct. 6, 2002

TABOR – Hazel Marie Bennett was born to Cordelia (Johnson) and George Alexander Dodds Dec. 27, 1900, near Belgrade, NE, the sixth of eight children. She was baptized and confirmed at the Belgrade Methodist Church and attended country school near Belgrade. She later attended sewing school in Red Oak. Prior to her marriage, she worked in a local store where she earned \$60.00 a month.

Sept. 28, 1922, she married Millard Mark Bennett in Fullerton, NE. Following their wedding, they made their home on the Bennett family farm. Aug. 23, 1936, a daughter, JoAnn, was adopted. The family moved from the family farm to a farm near Brunswick, NE, in 1943. Four years later, in 1947, the Bennetts moved to Tabor, where they owned a Gamble Store. After their retirement in 1962, they traveled in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and spent several winter months in Arizona. Following Millard's death in 1984, she remained in her home until the fall of 1999, when she moved to Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a member of the Tabor Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Garden Club, Kensington Club and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a leader of a 4-H Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship and taught Sunday School. Hazel died Oct. 6, 2002, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 101 years, nine months and eight days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Millard; four sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her daughter, Jo Ann (Earl) Boltinghouse of Harlan; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Oct. 10, 2002, at the Tabor Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Frank presiding. Honorary casket bearers were Patrick Boltinghouse, Elizabeth Boltinghouse, Taylor Rierden and Bailey Rierden. Casket bearers were Jeff Boltinghouse, Tim Rierden, J. Kerry Boltinghouse, Max Boltinghouse, A.J. Rierden and Monty Boltinghouse. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

