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## Vera Bennett, 81

June 20, 1921 - June 8, 2003

KIMBALLTON – Vera Anita Bennett was born June 20, 1921, to Walter and Sylvia (Overton) Kuhl in Dallas County and was raised by her Uncle George and Aunt Nora Mae Kuhl because her birth parents, Walter and Sylvia died in 1921 of typhoid fever. She attended country school Grove #5 and the Atlantic High School and was with the class of 1939.

She married Jerry Schnomier and later married Bill Bennett May 24, 1987, in Las Animas, CO. Following their marriage, they lived in Mountain Home, AR, before moving to Kimballton in April 1993. Vera had lived in Atlantic, Woodward, Vista, Pasedena, Las Encinas and San Fernando Valley, CA before her marriage to Bill. Vera was employed at the Woodward State Hospital in Woodward for about one year. When she lived in North Ridge, CA in the San Fernando Valley, she was employed by the North Ridge Hospital as a L.P.N. for a number of years. She was a member of the United Church of Christ. She died June 8, 2003, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 81.

Vera was preceded in death by her birth parents, Walter and Sylvia Kuhl, George and Lenora (Nora Mae) Kuhl, a brother, Howard Kuhl, and a sister, Hazel Kuhl in 1921. Vera is survived by her husband, Bill, and two daughters, Charlotte Chapman of Kearns, UT; Patti Haas (Bill) of Chatsworth, CA; one son, Raymond Bills of Scottsdale, AZ; nine grandchildren, Traci and Billy Haas; Peggy (Ron) Freier; Claten (Rebecca) Chapman; Jerry Ray and Robert Chapman; Wendy, Tommy and Todd Ward; five great grandchildren, Ryan and Zoey Freier; Madisyn Chapman; William Chapman and Cody Nunley.

Funeral services were held June 11, 2003, at the United Church of Christ in Atlantic, with Rev. Sue Hyndman officiating. Burial was in the Panther Creek Cemetery east of Redfield. Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic, in charge of arrangements.