

LaFern Brown, 82

Dec. 25, 1921 - Oct. 21, 2004

WOODBINE — LaFern Maxine (Sorey) Brown was born Dec. 25, 1921, in Woodbine, to Delmar and Goldie (Moore) Sorey. LaFern's mother died when she was 16 months old, so she was raised by her grandparents, James and Ollie Sorey. LaFern attended country school and helped her grandparents with chores and other farm work.

Feb. 17, 1943, LaFern married James A. Brown. The couple farmed between Pisgah and Moorhead and later moved to a farm near Woodbine. The couple then lived in Shenandoah for a short time before moving back to Woodbine. Jim died Nov. 14, 1999. LaFern worked for Bishop Cleaning Service in Omaha and she also provided child care for several families in Omaha. She died Oct. 21, 2004, at Westmont Care Center in Logan, at age 82 years, nine months and 26 days.

LaFern was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and half-sister, Vivian Van Donge. She is survived by two sons, Neil Brown (Janelle) of Woodbine and Dennis Brown of Omaha, NE; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; half-brother, Darrell Sorey (Lillian) of Arnolds Park; local relatives, Shelly Schmidt of Harlan, Shannon Sorey, Defiance, and Sheila Rogers, Omaha; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23, 2004, at the Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine, with Elder Francis Harper officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery. Casket bearers were Bill Benson, Warren Kelley, Bill Morrison, Jason Benson, Travis Melby and Terry Sorey.