

## **Lena S. Coglon, 98**

**June 15, 1899 - Nov. 12, 1997**

**EXIRA** - Lena Sophie Coglon, daughter of Henry and Minnie Kossenhaschen Rabe, was born June 15, 1899, on her parents' farm in rural Hamlin, and died Nov. 12, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home at the age of 98 years, four months and 27 days. She was baptized and received into membership at the Exira Christian Church. She attended rural school known as "Brushy College" in Hamlin Township then helped on the family farm.

March 22, 1922, she married Ray Coglon of rural Exira at the First United Methodist Parsonage in Audubon by Reverend W.J. Shenton. Four children were born to this union. They farmed their entire married life northeast of Exira. Ray died Aug. 20, 1948, at age 56. Lena continued to operate the family farm and raised her two teenage sons. She became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Oct. 1, 1997. She lived nearly a century, 75 years, six months and eight days of which were on her beloved farm home located three miles northeast of Exira. She has experienced the horse and buggy era on to the computer and space age.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her sons, Thomas Coglon and James Coglon; her grandsons, Brian Jones and Bruce Jones; her parents; her brothers, Harry Rabe, Fred Rabe, John Rabe and William Rabe. Survivors include her children, Raymond Coglon of Exira; Gertrude (Stanley) Jones of Harlan; granddaughter, Donita (David) Miller of Harlan; her great grandchildren, Cresta Jones of Blacksburg, VA and Nathan Jones of Virginia Beach, VA; and her granddaughter-in-law, Karen Harris of Virginia Beach, VA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Private family graveside services were conducted by Pastor David Todd. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.