

Virginia Dethlefs, 76

Nov. 11, 1920 - Oct. 18, 1997

MANNING - Virginia Marian Dethlefs, daughter of Robert and Josephine Axland Brown, was born Nov. 11, 1920, in Irwin. She grew up in Irwin and graduated from high school there in 1938. She attended Iowa Teacher's College in Cedar Falls for two years and taught school in Peru, Irwin, Manilla, Denison and for 25 years, in Manning. During her early teaching years, she continued her education, earning her bachelor's degree from Drake University in 1967.

July 20, 1951, she married Kenneth George Dethlefs at Fairmont, MN. They made their home in Manning. She took some time off from her teaching career to raise their two daughters. She retired in 1984. Throughout her life, she was active in her church and in her community. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years and served as financial secretary; United Methodist Women; P.E.O.; Retired Teachers; and was a charter member of the Tuesday Night Women's Bowling League. She died suddenly and unexpectedly Oct. 18, 1997, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, at age 76 years, 11 months and seven days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; two daughters, JoAnn (Jim) Karsten and Georgia (Rick) Lohrmann; and one granddaughter, Erica Lohrmann, all of Manning; two sisters, Betty (Dean) Drake, Las Vegas, NV and Roberta Brown, Ames, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 1997, at the United Methodist Church, Manning, with Rev. Larry McAlpine officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Merle Stoelk, Don Andersen, Bud Barnes, Alvin Armentrout, LaVerne Olsen and Emmett Mullen. Casket bearers were Todd Stadtlander, Rodney Drake, Chris Myers, John Ohde, Mark Kirby and Raymond Hagedorn. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.