

Bertha Gramkow, 78

March 8, 1920 - July 9, 1998

BROOKLYN, NY - Bertha Eleanor Gramkow was born on a farm east of Persia, March 8, 1920, the daughter of Raymond and Maud Evans Davis. She was one of 11 children in the family. She attended Pleasant Ridge School east of Persia. In 1958, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York.

She married Charles Gramkow at Hays, KS, Nov. 20, 1943. To this union four sons were born, Charles Jr., Duane, David and Gail. They farmed in the Avoca area for many years. He died Aug. 29, 1980. She moved to Brooklyn, NY in 1996, to make her home with her sons. She died at her home in Brooklyn July 9, 1998, at age 78 years, four months and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles; three brothers, Wilbur Davis, Robert Davis and Raymond Davis; four sisters, Elsa Thordsen McKeighan, Margaret Ingwers Brodersen, Mary Martin and Alice Kay Petersen. She is survived by her four sons, Charles Jr. Gramkow, David Gramkow (Debra), all living in Brooklyn, NY; Duane Gramkow (Debra) of Atlantic and Gail Gramkow (Mary) of Avoca; six grandchildren; three sisters, Martha Felgentreff of Harlan; Esther Becker of Shelby and Francis Lawrence (Leslie) of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 13, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Mr. Harlan Haupt officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca. Casket bearers were Charles Gramkow, Jr., David Gramkow, Matt Gramkow, Duane Gramkow, Gail Gramkow, Patrick Gramkow and Jedediah Gramkow.