Harlan, Iowa Tribune Wednesday February 17, 1988, pg 7-8 Della D. Hildebrandt, 82

SHELBY — Della Dorinda Hildebrandt was born in Moweaqua, IL, July 16, 1905. She was the daughter of Fred Schnackel and Minnie Jostes. She was one of six children in the family. In 1908 the family moved from Illinois to a farm they had purchased southwest of Shelby. She attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1925. After completing high school she taught in country school several years.

She married Carl Hildebrandt, April of 1933. They farmed in the Carroll, Avoca and Hancock areas before moving to a farm south of Shelby where they lived for several years until moving into Shelby. She continued her teaching as a substitute teacher in the Shelby School. She was active in the Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a member of the Ideal Club. They were the parents of three children, Flora, Eldon and David. Carl died Aug. 15, 1970 and she remained in her own home in Shelby until June of 1985, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, Friday, Jan. 29, 1988 at age 82.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Elva Brown and Alice Schnakel and two brothers, Lee Schnackel and Roy Schnackel. She is survived by her children, Flora (Mrs Donald) Felton of Neola; Eldon of Falls Church, VA and David of Engelwood, CO; six grandchildren; one sister, Bessie Haas of Shelby; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Feb. 1, 1988 at the United Methodist Church, Shelby with Rev. Brian Sherman, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Tom Rihner, Del Zimmerman, Jesse Pike, Paul Brown, Lance Severson and Lee McKnabb serving as casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.