

Alpha Haas, 85

June 9, 1916 - Nov. 21, 2001

ATLANTIC - Alpha Marie Schnepel Haas was born June 9, 1916, near Minden, the daughter of Rudolph and Amanda Dau Schnepel and was one of eight children in the family. She attended country school and then graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, with the class of 1934. Alpha and her brother, Gifford, worked the farm while their parents traveled.

Alpha married Kenneth Haas March 1, 1939, in Missouri Valley. They farmed in the Minden area until 1955, when they moved to a farm near Guthrie Center. In 1968, they moved to Carroll, living there until 1983 when they moved to Atlantic. In 1993, Alpha became a resident of the Friendship Home in Audubon, for a year. She then returned to her home in Atlantic where Ken took care of her until 1998. She returned to the Friendship Home at that time and remained there until her death Nov. 21, 2001, at age 85 years, five months and 12 days.

She was preceded in death by their three children, two sons, who died in infancy, and Cheryl, who lived one day after her birth; her parents; seven brothers and sisters, Claudius, Ralph and Gifford Schnepel, Linda Danker, Grace Siebels, Vera Schroder and Mildred Nelson. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Kenneth; a sister-in-law, Ann Schnepel of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca with Pastor Denny Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Verne Schroder, Bob Hundt, Joe Hadfield, Rich McKinny, Harold Danker and Elyn Siebels.