

## Berniece Juhl, 81

*Sept. 7, 1917 – Aug. 9, 1999*

**WALNUT** – Berniece M. Palmer Juhl was born Sept. 7, 1917, on her Grandfather Z.D. Drake's farm southeast of Walnut. She was the daughter of W. Ray and Jessie E. Drake Palmer and was one of two daughters in the family. She attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1935. She then attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines. From 1939 – 1940 she attended Peru State Teachers College in Peru, NE.

She married John C. Juhl of Peru, NE, Dec. 24, 1942, in Colorado Springs, CO, while John was stationed at Camp Carson. They later returned to live in Walnut. John died Oct. 16, 1989. Berniece taught school for 29 years, including rural schools and at Hancock and Walnut, retiring in 1970. She became Walnut Public Librarian Oct. 2, 1975, after having been assistant librarian for 2 years under Mrs. Etta Rieck Forsythe. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1930 and was a member of the UPW of the church. She was a chartered member of the Amvet Auxiliary and their representative at Peace Haven. She served as president of Peace Haven Auxiliary, was a member of Peace Haven Association, the Walnut Community Club, Walnut Community Improvement Company, served as secretary/treasurer of Walnut Housing, Inc. from its beginning in 1981, was a member of the Walnut Creek Historical Society and served on the Bicentennial Committee. She died Aug. 9, 1999, at Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, 11 months and two days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; and by her sister, Janet Goodman. She is survived by her brother-in-law, C.S. Goodman from Leon; three nieces, Janiece (Ronald) Read of Malcom; Louise (Bill) Evans of Leon and Helen (Elmer) Wills of Potter, NE; several grandnieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Mr. Orris Drake and Pastor Paul Hutchins officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery with graveside services by the Walnut Amvet Auxiliary. Honorary casket bearers were Milton Mueller, Glen Smith, George Mertz, Louie Troll, Gilbert Staman, Chuck McKnight, Herbert Mertz, Nicholas Hoffmann, Edwin Nevelin and Elmer Wills. Casket bearers were Ronald Read, Jamie Hoffert, Randall Read, Billie D. Evans, Larry Evans and Gary Evans. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.