

## Katharina "Katie" Kock, 101

Dec. 19, 1894 - Feb. 17, 1996

**DENISON** - Katharina Ernestina Margaretha Kock was born Dec. 19, 1894, daughter of August and Lena Steinblock Mau. She died Feb. 17, 1996 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison at age 101. She was born on the family farm in O'Brien County. At the age of three, after her natural mother died, she moved to her Aunt Tina and Uncle William Dettbarn's home near Westside where she grew up and received her education. In 1906, after her father remarried she returned to live with her father and stepmother in their home.

She helped her family on the farm until Oct. 24, 1917 when she married John Kock II at the Zion Lutheran parsonage in Denison. The couple settled on a farm near Breda and were blessed with the birth of four children. In 1936 the family moved to Wall Lake where they farmed until 1941 when they moved to a farm near Vail and remained there until retiring to Denison in 1946. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison and the Zion Ladies Aid Association for 45 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepmother; her husband, John H. Kock II in 1987; one son, Virgil in 1977 and his wife, Helen in 1985; two sons-in-laws Louis Thiede in 1988 and Henry Riessen in 1993; two brothers, Leon and Herman, and one sister, Marie Gottsch. Survivors include one son, John H. Kock III (Veronica) of Vail; two daughters, Lorene Thiede and Marian Riessen both of Harlan; 14 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren and one sister, Lena Lago of Primgar.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 1996 at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Burial was in the Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Huebner Funeral Home in Denison in charge of arrangements.