

Lavone Kauffman, 81

Aug. 16, 1926 - Nov. 12, 2007

IRWIN - Lavone Antje, daughter of Ahrend and Anna (Janssen) Reuwsaat, was born Aug. 16, 1926, on the family farm near Manilla. She spent her childhood years in the Denison area, and graduated from Denison High School in 1945. She worked at a dime store in Cedar Rapids following graduation.

Lavone married Glen Kauffman April 17, 1953, in Denison. One daughter was born to this union. For the next 28 years, they lived in Audubon County where Lavone was an active farm wife and helped with the livestock and crops. After the death of her husband in 1981, Lavone worked at the 59'er Restaurant in Harlan for a couple years. She then moved to Lubbock, Texas for five years and worked as a home care assistant for her son-in-law's grandmother. In 1990 Lavone retired and moved to Irwin. She was a member of the Redline Church of Christ near Irwin, and the American Legion Auxiliary in Irwin. She was dealing with both diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease when she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in September of 2002. She died there Nov. 12, 2007, at age 81 years, two months, and 27 days.

Lavone was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Glen Kauffman. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Conder (David) of Lubbock, TX; twin sister, Laverne Clark of Harlan; sister, Delores Kauffman of Marne; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 2007, at the Redline Church of Christ with Roy North officiating. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery. Honorary casket bearer was Howard Dahlof. Casket bearers were Phil Daringer, Bill Lambert, Donald Dahlof, Bill Kauffman, Larry Clark, Don Robinson, and Tom Gaer. Ohde Funeral Home in Manning, in charge of arrangements.

