

Gwen Kienast, 86

Jan. 4, 1918 - March 22, 2004

MANILLA - Gwendolyn Alberta Kienast, daughter of Oscar Gaskill and Margaret Anderson Gaskill, was born Jan. 4, 1918, near Irwin. She graduated from the Gray Community School in 1936.

May 27, 1936, Gwendolyn married Arthur Kienast at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Audubon. They were the parents of six children, Phyllis, Clinton, Allen, Stanley, Jeffrey, and Pamela. They made their home near Gray, where they farmed. They farmed in various communities before eventually moving to Cooper, around 1963. While living in Cooper, Gwendolyn worked for the Jefferson Manor. In 1995, she moved to Bethany, MO before moving to the Manilla Manor in 1997. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. She died March 22, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, two months and 18 days.

Gwendolyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Bruce Gaskill and Oscar Gaskill, Jr.; and her sisters, Charlotte Swanson and Frances, who died in infancy. She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Borkowski (Kermit) of South Port, FL and Pamela Decker (Dan) of Buckner, MO; four sons, Clinton Kienast (Kathryn) of Kirkman; Allen Kienast (Mary) of Lawson, MO; Stanley Kienast and his fiancée, Deborah Dopson of Lawson, MO; and Jeffrey Kienast (Carolyn) of Jamaica; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Kienast of South Carolina; two brothers, Jack Gaskill (Opal) of Irwin and Robert Gaskill (Kay) of Iowa City; one sister-in-law, June Gaskill Murray (Walter); nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 26, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson, with Pastor David Simonson officiating. Burial was in the Franklin Township Cemetery, Cooper. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Cynthia Hanlon, Jennifer Dayton, Julie Harryman, Kristie Sibell, Travis Busch, Randy Kienast, Tracy Kienast, Deborah Schlichte, Patricia Borkowski, Rhonda Smith, Amanda Kienast, Mike Kienast, Shawn Kienast and Scott Kienast. Hastings Funeral Home in Jefferson, in charge of arrangements.