

Bernice Klindt, 71

Dec. 10, 1931 - Nov. 24, 2003

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Bernice Anna Klindt, the daughter of Stephen and Barbara Pauley Sandbothe, was born Dec. 10, 1931, on a farm in Cass Township, Shelby County. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school until the eighth grade and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

Feb. 21, 1950, Bernice married Lee W. Klindt, Sr. in Panama. To this union nine children were born. In 1952, the couple purchased a farm north of Avoca, where they farmed until Lee's retirement in 1991. Bernice was a homemaker. She also worked at the Baptist Home and Myrtue Memorial Hospital part-time from 1984 until 1986. The couple remained on the farm until moving to Griswold in 1995. Bernice recently moved to her home in Council Bluffs, where she remained until her death Nov. 24, 2003, at age 71 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee, who died in 2001; two sons, John and Carl; and three grandchildren, Christopher, Lucas John and Kelsey. She is survived by her children, Mary Ann (Richard) Williams of Carson; LaVern Klindt (Rochelle) of Sidney; Bernard Klindt (Maralee) of Oakland; Glen Klindt (Natalie) of Oakland; Lee Klindt, Jr. (Yvonne) of Denison; Kenneth Klindt of Griswold; and Donald Klindt (Shelley) of Atlantic; 22 grandchildren; one great grandchild; brother and sisters, Vernon Sandbothe (Mary) of Atlantic; Clara Smith of Kansas City, MO; Russell Sandbothe of Minden; Mary Wright of Magnolia, TX and Bonita Ferguson of Kansas City, MO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 2003, at the Altamont Baptist Church in Harlan, with Pastor Beverly Young officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Tom Sandbothe and Brett Ferguson honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were LaVern Klindt, Glen Klindt, Bernard Klindt, Kenneth Klindt, Lee Klindt, Donald Klindt, Daniel Klindt and Rick Williams. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

