

Scena Lucke, 94

Feb. 14, 1910 - June 21, 2004

SHELBY – Scena Bernice Lucke was born Feb. 14, 1910, in Casey, daughter of Mads Christian and Anna Marie Johansen Nielsen, and was one of seven children in the family. As a child, her family moved to the Shelby area, where they farmed. Scena attended country school and then Shelby High School.

Scena married William F. Lucke Dec. 4, 1929, in Harlan. They were the parents of four children, Mary Ann, Robert, Bill and Marcia Jean. Scena and William farmed together, retiring in 1970. She also worked at Leader's Cafe in Minden for six and one half years and at the Farmers Savings Bank in Shelby from 1980 until 1994. Scena was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. William died April 7, 1983. Scena lived in her own home in Shelby until she moved to an apartment in Minden. In later years she moved to Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She died June 21, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 94 years, four months and seven days.

Those preceding Scena in death were her parents; her husband, William; a son, Robert; a granddaughter, Gay Lynne Lucke; four brothers, Soren Johansen, John Nielsen, Louis Nielsen and Charles Nielsen; and a sister, Marie Pedersen. She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Ann Lange of Ord, NE, and Marcia Jean Lucke of Harlan; her son, Bill (Babetta) Lucke of Persia; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Nina Rihner of Shelby; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 26, 2004, at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Pastor Orris Drake and Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Craig Lucke, Rodney Veskerna, David Veskerna, Nolan Veskerna, Vernon Veskerna, Matthew Franzen and Kevin Lucke.