

Blance J. Martindale, 85

IRWIN - Blanche, daughter of William and Emelia Wigness Johnson was born Jan 6, 1903 on a farm near Irwin. She graduated from Irwin Consolidated School. After graduation she taught in Shelby County rural schools for eight years and in the Irwin schools for five years. She married Ivan Martindale. In 1942 she moved to Des Moines where she worked as a bookkeeper for the Iowa Liquor Control Commission for 30 years, retiring in 1973. She continued to live in Des Moines where she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed good health until this past year when she developed complications from surgery and also suffered a heart attack while staying in Lincoln, NE to be near her grandchildren. She died Nov. 19, 1988 at St. Elizabeth's Community Health Center, Lincoln at age 85 years, 10 months and 13 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her son, William Dean, in infancy; her daughter, Barbara Peetz and by three brothers, Jesse, Joseph and Willis Johnson. She is survived by three grandchildren, Susan (Mrs Robert) Lanik of Lincoln, NE; Stephen Peetz of Wahoo, NE; and Jack Peetz of Wahoo, NE; by two great-grandchildren; her son-in-law, Glenn Peetz of Wahoo, NE; a sister, Alice Berndt of Manilla; two nieces, nephew and other relatives.

Services were held Nov. 22, 1988 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irwin with Rev. Douglas Mathison officiating. Burial was in Danway cemetery, Irwin with John Callahan, Jack Peetz, Stephen Peetz, Vern Smith, Robert Lanik and William Johnson serving as casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home, Manning was in charge of arrangements.