

Dorothy Michaelsen, 82

Jan. 27, 1919 – June 11, 2001

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Dorothy Margarette Michaelsen was born Jan. 27, 1919, in Defiance, daughter of Andrew and Rose Von Tersch Majerus, and was one of 14 children in the family. After turning 18, she left Defiance and moved to Harlan, and kept houses. Dorothy died June 11, 2001, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 82 years, four months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry; eight brothers and sisters, August, Anthony, Albert, Madeline, Delbert, Leroy, Mary and Alice. She is survived by her children, Ruth Williams of Rosemond, CA; Carleen (Jerry) Algeretta of Las Vegas, NV; Gary Michaelsen (Vickie) of Walnut; Harry Jr. (Lola) of Pacific Junction; Linda Rice and Tom Paltani of Ralston, NE; two stepchildren, Eldon Michaelsen (Nettie) of Walnut and Dorothy Jacobsen of Avoca; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren; three sisters, Leona Kobold of California; Helen Carleton and Rita Kopplinger, both of Colorado; two brothers, Leonard Majerus of Florida and Ed Majerus of California; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Home, Walnut, with Father John Frost officiating. Casket bearers were Adam Michaelsen, Jamie Michaelsen, Jeremy Snyder, Jason Harris, Jody Michaelsen and Kyle Rice.