

Mary Lucille Musfeldt, 79

Sept. 4, 1919 – June 19, 1999



IRWIN – Mary Lucille Musfeldt was born Sept. 4, 1919, to Emerson and Phoebe (Prey) Griffith in Minco, Caddo County, OK. When Mary was five years old, the family moved to Omaha, where she attended Ashland Park Grade School and South High School

- She married Otto W. Pries Sr. March 14, 1936, in Papillion, NE. Three children, Otto Jr., Beverly and Lois, were born to this union. In 1946, the couple began farming near Irwin. They retired and moved to Irwin in August 1969. Otto died in 1983.

Dec. 30, 1993, she married Alvin H. Musfeldt in Irwin. She wrote news for the Irwin Enterprise for several years. She was the first Site Manager of the Irwin Meal Site, and held that position for ten years. Mary was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church and had served on the church board. She was circle leader and held several offices with the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Irwin Canasta Club, the Pleasant Valley Club and the Jefferson Community Club. She died June 19, 1999, at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, at age 79 years, nine months and 15 days.

Preceding Mary in death were her parents; her first husband, Otto W. Pries, Sr.; one son, Otto W. Pries, Jr.; one brother, George Howard Griffith; and three grandsons, Richard, George and Bobby Pries. Survivors include her second husband, Alvin Musfeldt of Irwin; two daughters, Beverly (Allyn) Bartelson of Irwin and Lois (Paul) Getzschman of Omaha; two stepdaughters, Cynda (Merle) Juhl of Kent, WA; and Vickie (Earl) Steffes of Gray; two stepsons, Randy (Colleen) Musfeldt of Manning and Rick (Jeanne) Musfeldt of Lacona; two sisters, Amanda Richmond of Elk Horn; and Rebecca Griffith of Omaha; 11 grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 23, 1999, at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Casket bearers were Bill Pries, Jim Andersen, Jeff Getzschman, David Getzschman, John Getzschman and Eddie Steffes. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.