

Phyllis McCone, 81

Feb. 16, 1925 - April 27, 2006

MANILLA — Phyllis Joyce, daughter of Charles and Ethel (Bretey) Firth, was born on the family farm Feb. 16, 1925, south of Wall Lake. She moved with her family to Manning when she was in the fifth grade. She graduated as an honor student from Manning High School in 1942.

June 22, 1942, Phyllis married Dale Dean McCone in Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union. They made their home near Botna where they started their family and raised purebred cattle. In 1954, they moved to their own farm west of Manilla. Phyllis was active in various school organizations. She was the 1960 Iowa Shorthorn Lassie's President. She loved singing and was a faithful member of the church choir. She helped to serve many church luncheons throughout her life. She died April 27, 2006, at age 81 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Preceding Phyllis in death are her parents and husband, Dale McCone in 2005. She is survived by three children, Pam (Gary) Hall of Manilla; Stanley McCone (Virginia) of Sanborn, MN; and Patti (Dan) Muhlbauer of Manilla; 15 grandchildren, Ann (David) Getting, Dawn (Doug) VanderWeide, Alan Hall (Michele), Nancy Hall, Susan (Will) Manda, Katie Hall, Steven Hall, Christy (Chad) Heckathorn, Benton McCone, Charles McCone (Heidi), Steven McCone, Tom McCone, Beth Carter, David Muhlbauer and Megan Muhlbauer; 15 great-grandchildren, Josh and Zach Getting; Emma, Grace and Jack VanderWeide; Derek, Luke, Ashley and Aidan Hall; Gary Manda; Mariah and Jack Heckathorn; Maddie and Lilly McCone; and Brody Carter; sisters, Jean Kuhn of Sioux Falls, SD, and Marvel Jones of Council Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 1, 2006, at the United Church of Manilla with Reverend Lanette Plambeck officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery near Manilla with grandsons, Alan Hall, Steven Hall, Benton McCone, Charles McCone, Steven McCone, Tom McCone and David Muhlbauer casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers were Herman Meiners, Dale Meiners, Wayne "Bud" Saunders, Jim Fuller, Robert Scott and Jerry Stull. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla, in charge of arrangements.