

Evelyn L. McConnell - 80

May 12, 1921 - Sept. 14, 2001

IRWIN - Evelyn Lucy McConnell was born May 12, 1921, to Dolly Melinda (Bolman) and Marvin Gaer at Redline. She was baptized and confirmed at the Church of Christ in Redline. She attended school in Kirkman and graduated from Kirkman High School.

Dec. 22, 1940, she married Leland Arthur McConnell at Kirkman. Four children were born to this union. The couple were privileged to have been married 52 years before Leland's death Dec. 10, 1993. Following their wedding, the couple made their home on a farm north of Irwin, and Evelyn continued to make the farm her home until her death. In addition to her work on the farm, she was employed at Western Iowa Pork in Harlan, until retiring in 1986. She died Sept. 14, 2001, at her farm home north of Irwin at age eighty years, four months and two days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leland and brother-in-law Frank West. She is survived by her children, Gary McConnell (Jennifer) of Council Bluffs, Becky (Mark) Larson of Irwin, Kevin McConnell (Shirley) of Manilla, Kelly McConnell (Kathy) of Bellevue, NE; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild; sisters, Margaret West of Irwin, Helen (Tom) Holloway of Irwin, and Donna Mae (Leonard) Kloewer of Underwood; one brother, Marvin "Delbert" Gaer (Bernice) of Manning; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. A private burial was held Sept. 17, 2001, at the Rose Hill cemetery in Kirkman, with Katie Larson, Carley McConnell, Maggie Larson, T.J. McConnell, Ethan McConnell, Ashley McConnell, Casey McConnell and Andreyia McConnell honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Gary McConnell, Shawn McConnell, Kevin McConnell, Jacob Larson, Kelly McConnell, Greg Willis and Mark Larson.