

Ruth Monson Olson, 87

Dec. 9, 1906 - Sept. 20, 1994

Loveland, CO - Ruth Monson Olson was born December 9, 1906 south of Irwin at the home of her parents, Florence (Barratt) and Peter S. Monson. She attended the Greenridge Country School and the public school in Irwin, where she graduated in 1924. Following high school, she attended Normal Training College extension courses at Atlantic, and taught two years at Polk #1 Country School southeast of Irwin.

She married Clifford H. Olson, son of Maggie (Gardner) and Joseph L. Olson at Papillion, NE Feb. 12, 1927. They rented farms near Botna, Manilla and Irwin before purchasing farms at Shelby and Fiscus. The farm at Shelby was their home from 1942 to 1975, when they retired from farming and moved back to Irwin. They lived at the Manilla Manor from 1988 to 1989 before moving to the Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Loveland, CO to live near their daughter and her family. March 15, 1991, Clifford died at age 91 years. She died Sept. 20, 1994 in Loveland, CO at age 87 years, nine months and 11 days. They were active members of the United Methodist Church at Shelby, the Shelby County Historical Society, Canasta Club, several square dance clubs, the Band Booster Club and the Keenagers Group at Irwin. They actively participated in the 1970 Shelby Centennial, traveled throughout 45 states and spent seven winters in Brownsville, TX. She was a former member of the Shelby Garden Club, The Shelby Federated Women's Club, the Jefferson Community Club, the Center Social Club at Irwin, the Irwin Library Club, the WSCS at the Shelby Methodist church and the United Methodist Women organization at Irwin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford H. Olson, her



two sisters: Mrs. J.C. (Eva) McMahon and Mrs. Kleng (Edna) Olson and her four brothers: Silas Edwin Monson, Paul Thomas Monson, Ralph Willard Monson and Arlo Milton Monson. She is survived by her daughter Sharon (Dell) Babbitt of Loveland, CO, one grandson, one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law: Mrs. Bertram (Thelma) Olson and Mrs. Arlo (Norma) Monson of Hammond, IN, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 1994 at the Shelby United Methodist Church in Shelby with Rev. Sarah L. Darter officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Helen Koch, Leona Wiese, Thelma Olson, Norma Monson, Helen Van Asselt, Lucy Borkowski, Gwen Schnitker, Thersa Davis, Lela Davis, Viola Miller, Maude Frank and Frances Freads honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Ralph Paul, Gary Monson, James V. McMahon, Raymond Davis, Gale Barratt, Marvin Barratt, Richard McMahon and Garland Barratt. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.