

## Gertrude F. Park, 73

Jan. 20, 1922 - Nov. 21, 1995

**Walnut** - Gertrude F. Park was born in Davison, TN Jan. 20, 1922, daughter of William and Myrtle Ann Ellen Hopkins Gooding. She was one of seven children in the family. She attended God's Bible School in Cincinnati, OH. It was here that she met LaRue Park.

She married LaRue Park Aug. 25, 1942 at West Blockton, AL. They made their home in New York state, Cincinnati, OH; Sioux City and Madison, SD. They were the parents of eight children. In 1952 they moved to Co. Bluffs. They moved to Walnut in 1959. Gertrude operated a garbage pickup business and also delivered the Nonpareil and the Des Moines Register newspapers. She also took a nurses aid course and was engaged in home health care. In 1994 they sold their home in Walnut and made their home with their son, Paul in Killeen, TX. He died April 13, 1995. She became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn in 1995. She died at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic Nov. 21, 1995 at age 73 years, 10 months and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LaRue; one son, John Lee Park; four brothers and sisters, Everett Gooding, Charlotte Gooding, Eva Gooding and Mary Gooding. She is survived by her children, Dorothy (Charles) Knee of Little Sioux; Joshua (Leona) and Mary Esther (Wayne) Andersen all of Atlantic; Norma Jean (James) Marsh of Elliott; Harold (Joanne) of Gering, NE; Paul (Hyung Wuk) of Killeen, TX; Jude (Kim) of Great Bend, PA; one former daughter-in-law, Delores Hoover; 29 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two sisters, Alma Henson of Montevalle, AL and Ruth Skelton of Duncanville, AL and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25, 1995 at the First Assembly of God Church, Atlantic with Pastor Ben Moore and Pastor Guy Fisher officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Joshua Park, Jr., Chrystal Park, Bob Knee, Betsy Andersen, Heather Park and Toni Hansen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.