

Catherine J. Pratt, 82

WALNUT - Catharine J. Pratt, daughter of George D. and Annie Hunter Jones, was born Oct. 17, 1905 at Omaha, NE. She died March 31, 1988 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca at age 82 years, 5 months, 14 days. She received her education in the Omaha school system. She attended Nebraska University in Lincoln, graduating in 1927 with a degree from the College of Business Administration.

She married Peter K. Pratt on Sept. 18, 1932 and they lived in Des Moines and later Atlantic for several years where he was a hog buyer for Armour & Co. In March 1946 they moved to a farm they had purchased located about four miles north of Walnut. He developed a registered herd of Angus cattle becoming known as a national breeder of the blacks and also a well known Angus judge. Peter died in 1973 and she continued to live in their farm home until March of 1983, when she became a resident of Peace Haven in Walnut. Due to failing health, she became a resident of Colonial Manor Home in Avoca in Oct. of 1985.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs Alvin J. Gard of Beaver Crossing, Ne; her nephews, John and Larry of Bella Vista, AR; Gene A. Gard of McAllen, TX; Don I. Gard of Greenfield, IN and Ray L. Gard of Beaver Crossing, NE; also Mr and Mrs Russell Knuth of DeSoto and Mr and Mrs Neal Smith of Walnut.

Funeral services were April 5, 1988 at the Peace Haven Chapel in Walnut with Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Forrest Lawn Memorial Park in Omaha with John Gard, Gene Gard, Roy Gard, Don Gard, Russell Knuth and Neal Smith casket bearers. Roland's Funeral Home, Atlantic, was in charge of arrangements.