

## Helen Parr, 97

*Sept. 25, 1905 - Oct. 3, 2002*

**PERSIA** – Helen Lorraine Parr was born to Alvina (Schneckloth) and Fred Dobernecker Sept. 25, 1905, at Minden. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, and attended country school near Minden.

Oct. 15, 1930, she married Edward Parr in Harlan. To this union four daughters were born. After their marriage, the young couple moved to the Persia area where Helen resided until moving to the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Avoca, in May of 2002. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia. She died Oct. 3, 2002, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 97 years and eight days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, April 30, 1991; daughter, Norma Coney in February 2000; two sisters, Viola Grap and Edna Meier; five brothers, Harold, Fred, Jr., Orville, Elmer and Lester Dobernecker; and sons-in-law, Gary Kemmish in April 2001, and Levi Swensen in December of 2001. She is survived by her daughters, Louise (Mike) Jensen of Minden; Jeanette Swensen of Elk Horn and Genevieve Kemmish of Council Bluffs; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lou Dobernecker of Camarvon; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, with Rev. Dale Jenson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with Bryan Kemmish, Gerald Kemmish, Bruce Jensen, Jake Schechinger, Mark Coney and Michael Jensen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

