

## **Emma Marie Ranniger, 96**

*July 24, 1897 - Jan. 13, 1994*

**Manning** - Emma, daughter of Lorenz and Catherine Clausen Lorenzen, was born July 24, 1897 in Jefferson Township, Shelby County. She attended rural school in Shelby County. Her mother died when she was nine years old. At the age of 17 she took over the household caring for her younger brothers and sister and her father.

March 3, 1920 she married Julius Ranniger in the Lutheran Church in Denison. They moved to a farm northwest of Manning. To this union two daughters, May Delle and Marian were born. They lived on the farm until March of 1952 when they moved to Manning. Julius died June 16, 1959. She stayed in their house until March of 1981 when she moved to the Elm Crest apartments in Manning. Her health began to fail in the fall of 1989 and in May of 1990 she became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. She died there Jan. 13, 1994 at age 96 years, 5 months, and 20 days.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Charles Engelmann; and brothers and sisters: Anna Ehrichs, Lena Thomsen, Tom Lorenzen, Hannah Boyens, Christine Ranniger Tesch, William Lorenzen, John Lorenzen, Ed Lorenzen, and Amanda Steen. Survivors include her daughters: May Delle (Eugene) Petersen, of Harlan and Marian (Gilmore) Joens, of Arthur; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; nine step-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 1994 at the United Methodist Church, Manning with Rev. Lanny Tuttle officiating. Burial was in the Manning City cemetery. Casket bearers were Wayne Ranniger, Lester Boyens, Rollin Joens, Wilmer Ranniger, Jack Lorenzen and Myron Joens. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.