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Gladys Margaret Raasch, 101

Aug. 31, 1899 – July 20, 2001

CUMBERLAND – Gladys Margaret Raasch was born Aug. 31, 1899, to Herman and Hattie (Vetterick) Ryan, in Adair County.

March 10, 1920, she married Arthur G. Raasch at the home of her parents near Massena. They farmed northeast of Massena and in 1930 moved to a farm south of Wiota. They were married 67 years. Gladys was a member of the Cumberland United Methodist Church and the Cumberland American Legion Auxiliary. She lived on a farm east of Norway Center until she became a resident of Colonial Manor in September of 1992. She died July 20, 2001, at the Colonial Manor in Anita, at age 101.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; three brothers, Oscar, Kenneth and James; and a cousin, Opal Pfalzgraf, who was raised by her parents. She is survived by two daughters, Virginia Kloppenburg (Kermit) of Anita and Iona Scott of St. Louis, MO; two sons, Wayne Raasch (Vera) of Harlan and Larry Raasch (Linda) of East Moline, IL; 11 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and 19 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 24, 2001, at the Cumberland United Methodist Church with Pastor Connie Beck officiating. Casket bearers were Craig Scott, Carol Dorsey, Gary Kloppenburg, Ronald Ostrus, Bradley Raasch and Richard Kloppenburg. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.