

Anna Rattenborg, 96

Feb. 6, 1902 - Nov. 4, 1998 ✓

FARGO, ND - Anna (Ann) Dorothy Rattenborg and her twin, Joseph, were born Feb. 6, 1902, in Portsmouth, to Peter and Anna Leinen, who were farmers in the Portsmouth area. There were 21 children born to Peter. Seven were half brothers and sisters to Ann. She lived in the Harlan and Portsmouth areas most of her early years. She attended school for eight years and worked at local merchant stores. She also worked as an office assistant to Dr. Nielsen, a medical doctor for several years. She was selected by the local merchants to run as the Shelby Co. Beauty Queen in her early 20's and won this pageant.

She married Leo Rattenborg May 1, 1927, in Atlantic, where they lived until moving to Fargo, ND, in the early 40's. Leo was an insurance agent. He died May 21, 1959, and Ann continued to live in her home of 50 years until moving to ManorCare Health Services in 1995. Ann worked out of her home on consignments for the Herbst Department Store, repairing clothing and stockings in her early years in Fargo. She also worked for the deLendrecies Department Store as a sales clerk until retiring at age 67. She died Nov. 4, 1998, at age 96 at ManorCare Health Services.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; eight brothers, Peter Q., Nick, Michael D., Constant H. Herman, Joe, Andrew and Francis, and eight sisters, Lena, Sr. Mary Revokata O.S.F., Katie, Rose, Laura, Martha, Eva and Malania. She is survived by three sisters, Margaret Mester, Los Angeles, CA; Clare (Ernie) Petersen of Harlan; Modesta Green, Spencer; one brother, Zeno Leinen of Harlan; her special children and their families who called her their adopted grandma. They are Amanda Kelly (George and Vonnie) and Brian and Lonnette Van Bruggen (Sharon and Rodney); nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9, 1998, at Church of the Nativity Chapel in Fargo. Burial was in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Fargo. Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

