

Emma Ridlen, 85

Aug. 26, 1918 - July 12, 2004

UNDERWOOD – Emma Mae Ridlen, daughter of John E. and Florence (Marsh) Armstrong, was born Aug. 26, 1918, at York, NE. She graduated from Lewis Consolidated High School in 1938.

Emma married Maynard J. Ridlen March 10, 1940. She had lived in Oakland, Lewis and Shelby over the years and had been a resident of Underwood since 1955. She was a homemaker and ceramics teacher and owner of Emlen Ceramic Shop since 1956. She was a member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, sponsored college scholarships, was active in the community helping start clubs, teaching adult education and supporting community projects. She died July 12, 2004, at the home of her daughter, Marcella Ridlen Ray at Fairfax, VA, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Maynard, who died Dec. 24, 1997; a son, Maynard Ernest Ridlen; and a daughter, Ellen Martha Ridlen. She is survived by her daughters, Marcella Ridlen Ray (Charles) of Fairfax, VA; Sylvia Ridlen of Jersey City, NJ; Ivayla Ridlen of Centennial, CO; and Elaine Raeber of Fremont, CA; a granddaughter, Jamie Green of Jersey City, NJ; two grandsons, Ryan Ridlen of Stockton, CA; and Cory Ridlen of Centennial, CO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Broadway United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs, with Rev. Marvin D. Arnpriester officiating. Burial was in the Fisher Cemetery, Underwood. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.