

Bertha A. Russmann, 94

March 27, 1902 - Jan. 13, 1997

WALNUT - Bertha Anna Russmann was born in Shelby County March 27, 1902. She was the daughter of August and Katherine Heesch Dethlefs and was one of 11 children in the family.

She married Fred W. Russmann Dec. 26, 1930, in Avoca. They were the parents of two sons, Laverne and Loren. They farmed in the Avoca area and then moved to Defiance, where they farmed until 1945 when they moved to Walnut. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca. He died Feb. 1, 1978, and she remained in her home until July of 1994 when she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. She died Jan. 13, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 94 years, nine months and 17 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred; on son, Laverne F.; three brothers, Edward, August and John Dethlefs, and seven sisters, Lena Brown, Edith Pflugshaupt, Emma Sornsen, Lillie Krohn, Rose Scheffler, Viola Lewis and Margaret Randall. She is survived by her son, Loren Russmann of Walnut; a granddaughter; two great granddaughters; three sisters-in-law, Margaret Hulsebus, Viola Dethlefs and Erma Russmann; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Jan. 16, 1997, at the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.