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Martha Stuhr, 94 March 15, 1901 - Feb. 7, 1996

MINDEN - Martha Stuhr was born on a farm near Neola March 15, 1901. She was the daughter of Henry and Hannah Cheney Peterson and was one of 12 children born to that union. She attended a country school called Sorrell Top near Neola, completing the 8th grade.

She married Walter Stuhr Sept. 10, 1921 in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of three children, Wayne, Doreen and Douglas. They farmed near Neola for a short time, then moved to the Minden area where they farmed for many years. He died in 1955. She then moved to Minden where she lived until 1987 when she moved to Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Oakland. She was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ, the Women's Fellowship group of the church and was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Minden. She died Feb. 7, 1996 at the Oakland Manor Nursing Home at age 94 years, 10 months and 22 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; a son, Wayne, and her daughter, Doreen Driver; four brothers, Charles, Ted, John and Henry Peterson, Jr. and three sisters, Mary Peterson, Elizabeth Gerrard and Hester Hadfield. She is survived by her son, Douglas Stuhr (Alice) of Persia; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren; a sister, Anna Hadfield of Neola; three brothers, George Peterson (Evelyn) of Underwood; William Peterson (Pearl) of Shelby and Nicholas "Bob" Peterson of Neola; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 1996 at the Minden United Church of Christ, Minden with Pastor Isaias Paniamogan officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cernetery. Casket bearers were Douglas Stuhr, Jr., David Stuhr, Ken Reimers, Bill Oloff, Terry Stuhr and Darrell Sand. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.