

Ola Sleister, 95 ✓

Jan. 28, 1912 - Feb. 27, 2007

MANILLA — Ola Emma, daughter of Marcus and Rachel (Hanson) Axland, was born Jan. 28, 1912, on her family's farm near Irwin. She grew up on the farm and attended rural school near her home through the eighth grade. She then graduated from Harlan High School in 1930. Following graduation, she was a country school teacher in Shelby County for five years.

March 19, 1938, Ola married Raymond Sleister in Irwin. Four children were born to this union. They lived and worked on the family farm near Manilla until 1964 when Raymond took a position with a road construction company. He retired in 1971 and they moved to their home in Manilla. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin and was a member of the afternoon sewing circle. Ola moved to the Manilla Manor in May of 1996. Though she had some health problems, her death at the Manilla Manor Feb. 27, 2007, at age 95 years and 30 days was unexpected.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband in 1983; a stillborn son, Lynn; great-grandson, Dylan; two brothers, Henry and Elmer Axland; four sisters, Mae (Maurice) Campbell, Emelia (Tom) Nelson, Elva (Julius) Guth, and Gladys (Francis) Rogers; and in-laws, Harold Ickes, Violet (Chriss) Rasmussen, and Eddie Schwieso. She is survived by three children, Ruth McClelland of Manilla; Gene Sleister of Denison; and Bonnie (Tom) Crispin of Urbandale; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister, Nellie Ickes of Harlan; sister-in-law, Edythe Schwieso of Manilla; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 3, 2007, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. A memorial service and burial was held March 10, 2007, due to the blizzard in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Casket bearers were Dan McClelland, Cory Rutherford, Josh Heiman, Keith Schechinger, Nathan McClelland, Marc Schechinger, Sean Heiman, and Steven McClelland. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

