

## Pauline Mildred Smith, 87

*Feb. 16, 1912 - Jan. 5, 2000*

**CO. BLUFFS** - Pauline Smith was born Feb. 16, 1912, on a farm near Dunlap, the fourth child of Lester and Maggie Maxwell Hardy. By the age of eight she had learned to do most of the work on the family farm. This included field work and milking the cows. She worked outside especially with her white horse named Maude.

At 16, she met the man of her dreams, but since she was under age, she had to wait until she was 18 to get married. On the day after her 18th birthday, Feb. 17, 1930, she married Ralph Smith at the Christian Parsonage in Woodbine. Ten children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Woodbine where Ralph was employed by the city. They later moved to a Harrison County farm. They worked and farmed for several years before moving to Gretna, NE where Ralph worked for his cousin cutting logs. In 1950, the family moved to Co. Bluffs, where he worked on area farms, as well as, the Kattleman Foundry. In 1956, the family moved to Denison, where they operated a dry cleaners for about a year and then returned to Co. Bluffs. Her husband of 43 years died of a lingering illness Oct. 11, 1973. She died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 87 years, 10 months and 20 days.

In addition to her husband, Ralph, and her parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, Merle Dec. 11, 1955, Duane Oct. 16, 1967 and Lyle Jan. 5, 1978. She is survived by her children, Betty Moore of Vancouver, WA; Christine (Richard) Jones of Harlan; Lester Smith (Shirley) of Loveland; Marlene Little of Persia; Shirley (Otto) Saar of Co. Bluffs; Stan Smith (Linda) of Neola; and Neil Smith of Co. Bluffs; 25 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; five great, great grandchildren; her sister, Mabel Smith of Logan; her brother, Lloyd Hardy (Madeline) of Tekamah, NE; her daughter-in-laws, Betty Reddie of Eden Valley, MN and Donna Leach of Co. Bluffs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2000, at Emmanuel Church of Nazarene in Co. Bluffs, with Pastor Rick Blodgett officiating. Burial was in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Co. Bluffs, with Mark Tech, Christofer T. Holland, Troy Little, Jason Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Moore, Craig Smith and Nathan Smith casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.