

Gladys Sonksen, 98

Oct. 21, 1902 – Dec. 16, 2000

MANNING – Gladys Sophie, daughter of Henry and Emelia Hagge Ohrt, was born Oct. 21, 1902, near Arcadia in Carroll County. At age seven Gladys moved with her family to a farm near Botna. She attended school in Botna. In 1927, Gladys' parents retired to Manning and she began working at Rober-Wehrmann Department Store.

June 14, 1930, she married Arnold Bernhard Sonksen at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning, by Pastor J.M. Ansorge. Gladys and Arnold farmed her parents' farm until retiring in 1969, when they moved to Harlan. In 1994, they returned to Manning and became residents of the Manning Plaza. In 2000, the couple celebrated 70 years of marriage together. Arnold died Dec. 13, 2000. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She had poor health the past year, and Dec. 16, 2000, she died at the Manning Plaza Nursing Home at age 98 years, one month and 25 days of age.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Joe Sonksen (Edna) of Manning; and cousins.

Joint funeral services with her husband, Arnold, who died Dec. 13, 2000, were held Dec. 18, 2000, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, with Pastor Daniel Vogel officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were George Doyel, Dean Grimm, Jeff Muhlbauer, Stanley Ewoldt, Duane Monson and David Wenzel. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.