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Irene Stender, 80

May 13, 1920 - Jan. 20, 2001

MINDEN – Irene Elizabeth Stender was born May 13, 1920, in rural Avoca, the daughter of Willie and Alma Blumer Schuning, and was one of three children in the family. She went to country school and graduated from Shelby High School in 1937.

She married Paul Stender Feb. 27, 1941, at the Minden Church Parsonage. They lived and farmed in Harrison County, north of Minden until Paul's death Jan. 2, 1970. She moved to Minden and worked at the Minden Motel and the Kopper Kettle. She moved to an apartment in Omaha, NE in 1980. She died suddenly at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE, Jan. 20, 2001, at age 80 years, eight months and seven days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; and a sister, Bernice Midyett. She is survived by a brother, Kenneth Schuning of Council Bluffs; and two nieces, Janice (Jim) Boysen of Shelby and Jean (Jerry) Aukland of Lincoln, CA; great nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 24, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca, with Pastor Dave Borden officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry Ehlers, Ron Nihsen, Maynard Leaders, Dale Young, Phil Zimmerman and Wayne Martin.