

## Opal Kelley Toxword, 74

Dec. 3, 1922 - Oct. 22, 1997

**OMAHA** - Opal Ruth Kelley was born on a farm near Panama, Dec. 3, 1922, to Thomas W. and Luella Park Kelley, the eldest of their seven children. She graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1940. After graduation, she moved to Omaha, and was employed as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone.

She married Oren Toxword April 10, 1948. After his death in 1972, she was employed by Woodmen of the World Life Ins. Society Co. Following her retirement, she was involved with several civic and fraternal organizations; Kids Over 60, AARP, The Miller Park Community Council and the Lodge of Woodmen. She died Oct. 22, 1997, after a long battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oren; her parents and a brother, Alvin. Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen Ernest of Bellevue, NE; two granddaughters, Michelle (Donald) DeLong of Salem, NH and Jennifer Ernest, who attends Cornell College in Mount Vernon; brothers, Walter (Doris) Kelley; Earl (Claire) Kelley; Donald (Janice) Kelley of Woodbine and George (Imy) Kelley of Co. Bluffs; one sister, Lois (Robert) Schraeder of Woodbine, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24, 1997, at Roeder Mortuary in Omaha, NE, with the Rev. James M. Cunningham officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, NE. Casket bearers were Kit Kelley, Craig Kelley, Neil Schraeder, Lynn Schraeder, Ken Muhleck and Ken Van Cleave.

