

Clara Edythe Wetzel, 95 ✓

Nov. 20, 1899 - March 10, 1995

Manilla - Clara Edythe, daughter of William and Urana Sprague Constable, was born Nov. 20, 1899 on a farm near Irwin. She graduated from Irwin High School in 1916. Following graduation she attended summer school at Cedar Falls and taught in Shelby County rural schools and in Irwin. She was church organist and pianist for the greater part of 60 years, beginning with the old pump organ at age 12 when she learned to play hymns.

June 15, 1926 she married Lee Wetzel. Two sons were born to this union. They farmed about 20 years northeast of Irwin, then moved seven miles east of Irwin, in Audubon County. They remained there until he died in 1970 at which time she moved to an apartment in Irwin. She was a member of the Church of Christ and the Women's Missionary Group, as well as the Jefferson Community Club. In 1980 she became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in Manilla where she died March 10, 1995 at age 95 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Hazel Constable, Mary Heilesen, and Ebal Burger. Survivors include her two sons: Richard Lee Wetzel (Alma) of Co. Bluffs and Gary Lynn Wetzel (Kay) of Ocala, FL; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 14, 1995 at the Church of Christ in Irwin with Pastor Ted Sieck officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin. Casket bearers were: Roger Wetzel, Ronald Wetzel, Rolyn Wetzel, Lorraine Roney, Lynnette Kinney and Richard D. Wetzel. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.