LEHMANN, Edna Christine (Smidt)

January 14, 1908
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July 21, 1987
Hurley

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Funeral Held for Edna Lehmann

Funeral services for Edna Lehmann, 79, of Hurley who died on July 21 were held at Salem Mennonite Church, rural Freeman, on July 25, 1987. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Ronald Krehbiel and Preston Frey ministered at the service. Rita Fliginger Graber was organist. Special music was by a mixed octet composed of Leo and Arybelle Graber, Duane and Marie Kaufman, Curtis and Ruth Preheim, and Ervin and Sandy Waltner.

Edna Christine Smidt was born on January 14, 1908, near Freeman, South Dakota. After completing her education in the rural schools, she spent two years at Freeman Academy, and some time in nurses training at a Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Chicago. She also worked as a postal clerk at the Freeman Post Office.

Edna was baptized as an infant by P. B. Knutson at Swan Lake Lutheran Church on June 14, 1908. She was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church, and became a member of Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman, on November 12, 1939. She grew to womanhood on a farm southeast of Freeman with her parents, Hans and Minnie Smidt. Four brothers and a sister completed the family circle. An infant sister died while the parents lived in Iowa.

She married Albert Lehmann on June 14, 1928. An anniversary marriage was celebrated on June 14, 1987, culminating 59 years of devoted wedded bliss. As a family, they lived on farms in the Freeman and Hurley area.

To this union seven children were born. Edna leaves a devoted husband; a daughter-in-law, Christine Lehmann of Yankton; a son, Lester, Hurley; a daughter, Marcene Scott and her husband, Willis, of Parker; a daughter, Vernelle Larsen and husband, Vernon, of Viborg; a son, Eugene, and wife, Karen of Renton, Washington, who are presently on a one-year assignment living in Beijing, Republic of China, working for Boeing Aircraft of Seattle, Washington; and a son, Dale, and wife, Joyce of Freeman. Two sons, LaVerne and Kenneth, preceeded her in death as the result of fatal accidents. Two great-grandchildren also preceeded her in death. Edna is the last child of the Hans Smidt family to pass from this earth.

Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren who are living in various areas of South Dakota, Iowa and Washington state. These will cherish her memory. There are also other relatives and friends who mourn her passing. Edna will also be remembered for her interest in church, Sunday School, senior citizen activities, American Legion activities, and other auxiliary groups of which she was a member.

Active pallbearers (grandchildren) were David Scott, Tom Lehmann, Kevin Lehmann, Larry Larsen, Clair Flyger and Les Veen. Honorary pallbearers (grandchildren) were Bruce Lehmann, Michael Lehmann, Douglas Lehmann, Ronald Peterson, Rick Thalhuber, Alan Peterson, Pete Sweitzer and Brian Sandro.

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