

October 23, 2003

Anna J. Hoitsma

Died Oct. 11, 2003

Anna J. Hoitsma, 95, of McAllen, Texas, and a former resident of Nevada, died Oct. 11 at Briarcliff Nursing Home in McAllen.

She was born in 1908 on a farm near Colton, S.D., to Ingvald and Louise Carsrud. At age 2, she moved with her family to Faith, S.D., where they homesteaded. After finishing high school in Thomas, S.D., she worked in Hayti, S.D., as a stenographer for the County Agent and Soil Conservation. She married Clarence Hoitsma on Feb. 13, 1936, and they moved to Nevada and owned the meat market in Carsrud's Grocery. In 1961 they bought the grocery store and worked there until 1965 when they sold the business. Anna then worked as a clerk for Hunt's Super Valu until 1973. They retired and moved to McAllen in 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Moeller of Sharon, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers and sisters, Anna Carsrud, Hilma Sykes, Arthur Carsrud, Martin Carsrud, Herbert Carsrud and Ernest Carsrud; her husband, Clarence, who died in 1996; and her son, Jerry, who died in 2002.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Iowa. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Lutheran Church, Dorcas Fund, Nevada, Iowa 50201. Virgil Wilson Mortuary, McAllen, handled arrangements.