

# Jessie Pauline Vian Lehmkuhler

## 1916-2015

Jessie Pauline Vian Lehmkuhler, 98, formerly of Stapleton, eldest daughter of Jess J. and Florence Harriet (Whelden) Vian, was born May 28, 1916, at the family home



near Simpson, Logan County, Colorado. She departed this life March 27, 2015, at North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Pauline, as she was known, was the first child born to this union of two boys and two girls.

Pauline came to Nebraska as a child, attended Hoaglund School and graduated from the Gandy High School in 1936. Following her graduation, she lived with and worked for families caring for mothers and babies during childbirth until she married.

Pauline married Ernest George Lehmkuhler September 28, 1936, at North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska. They lived and farmed near Stapleton, Logan County, Nebraska, until 1990 when they sold the farm to his cousin, Charles and Twyla Kramer. They purchased lots on C Street in Stapleton, and designed and built a beautiful and comfortable home. They moved into the new house March 17, 1990. Ernest suffered a stroke June 9, 1990, and because of his forethought in the design of their home, was able to live at home where Pauline lovingly cared for him until about six months, before he died on September 6, 1992. Pauline continued to live in the home with the help of the children, friends and neighbors until October 26, 2007, when she moved to Independent Living at Centennial Park Retirement Village.

Pauline was baptized and raised in the First Baptist Church of Arnold. She, Ernest and their family joined the First Presbyterian Church in Stapleton in March 21, 1948. They were very faithful members, actively teaching Sunday School, Women's Association or helping out wherever they were needed. She was ordained an Elder, January 25, 1981, and served until 1984. She had read the Bible

through 20 times by the year 2000. She continued to serve her church by furnishing a cake for each funeral dinner at the church and always had one baked ahead in

the freezer.

Ernest and Pauline had four children, Ernest, Virgil, David and Charlene. They always raised a large garden and most of their own meat as the family grew up. Pauline was very involved in the community serving as a 4-H leader and Extension leader. She preserved vegetables, fruit and meat by canning and freezing. A testament to her generosity was her special invitations extended to ministers, visiting church guests, friends and family members to come to the farm for a generous meal of fresh fried chicken or chicken and noodles, homemade bread and home grown vegetables and pies. She sewed the children's clothing on a treadle sewing machine until 1959, when they purchased a new Necchi sewing machine. When she pieced a lot of quilts, she would cut and Ernest sewed them together.

Survivors include: sons, Ernest (Ardis), Dodge City, Kansas; Virgil (Karen), Sidney, Nebraska; daughter Charlene (Dwayne) Berger, Dannebrog, Nebraska; daughter-in-law Barbara Lehmkuhler, Copperas Cove, Texas; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Gwen Vian and many special nieces and nephews.

Pauline was preceded in death by a son David Lehmkuhler; granddaughter, Lorna Barret; her husband; her parents; sister, Lucille Halstead; brothers Dean Vian and Walter "Harry" Vian.

A graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the Arnold Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are requested to the Cornerstone Church, Gideon's or KJLT.

Arnold Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.