Louisa Knittel, daughter of John and Mary E. Knittel, was born June 26, 1853, on a farm near where she passed away, on February 20, 1939, age 85 years, 7 months and 24 days.

She was confirmed in the Lutheran church when a young girl at the age of 15 years, and remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend services. Also was one of the charter members of the St. Johns Ladies Aid.

She was married to Andrew Gottman on March 13, 1873, to this union God blessed with five children. Those preceding her in death were her husband who passed away March 21, 1930, her son, Wm. who passed away June 11, 1937, and one grand daughter Ruby.

Those left to mourn her passing are: John and Victor of Queen City, Mo., Mrs. Mary E. Gardine and Mrs. Katherine Lunstrum of Ellensburg, Wash. Eleven grand children and two great grand children, one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Hoffman of Elpaso, Texas, two brothers, Jake and Sam Knittel of Queen City, Mo. Five brothers and three sisters deceased.

She passed away at the home of her son John after a lingering illness. She was patient and kind until God called her home. Her loss will be mourned by a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. L. P. Mohr conducted the funeral services Wednesday afternoon Feb. 22 at 2 o'clock at the St. John Lutheran church.