

## Bertha Schmitter

Bertha Schmitter, the daughter of Henry Samuel and Mary Catherine Leyhe Snowbarger, was born June 22, 1893, in the Germania community. She died early Tuesday afternoon, October 28, 1980, at a nursing home in Queen City, Mo. Mrs. Schmitter, 97, was a lifelong resident of Queen City.

On December 24, 1908, near Queen City, she was married to William W. Schmitter, who preceded her in death on June 21, 1975. Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Emma Schmitter, December 22, 1972, and Minnie and Stella Edna, both in infancy; three half-sisters, Clara Schubert, October 5, 1975, Nellie May Snowbarger, July 11, 1961, and Grace Mildred Snowbarger, November 3, 1966; one half-brother, Sherman R. Snowbarger, October 18, 1967; one granddaughter, Cindy Lou Anderson, November 22, 1958; and one grandson, Jaye Dee Anderson, July 18, 1968.

Surviving are one son, Samuel Schmitter, Queen City; two daughters, Mrs. Omar (Esther) Seamster, and Mrs. Paul (Opal) Anderson, both of Downing; one half-sister, Ruth Snowbarger, Aurora, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Schmitter spent her entire life on the same farm in the Germania community east of Queen City until 1973, when ill health forced her to enter a nursing home.

In 1963, Mrs. Schmitter was chosen Queen City Centennial Queen.

In February 1900 she was confirmed in the Old St. John's Lutheran Church, where she later served as a primary and adult ladies' Sunday School class teacher. She was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid and in 1963 was made an honorary member of the Ladies Aid.

Services for Mrs. Schmitter were held Friday afternoon, October 31, 1980, at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Queen City. The Rev. Jon Paulus, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Burial was in Germania Cemetery east of Queen City, under the direction of Dooley Funeral Home.

Bearers were Gilbert Schmitter, Virgil Schmitter, William Schmitter, Tommy L. Schmitter, Carl D. Anderson, and Robert F. Anderson.