

Lena Thiessen Willems, our loving and faithful mother was born November 1, 1877 at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, where she resided with her parents for several years. Then she and her parents moved to Richmond, Texas. On January 18, 1903, mother was united in holy matrimony with father, Jacob G. Willems. This happy union was blessed with three children, two daughters and one son. In 1908 the parents came to the Corn community residing here until the Lord took them out of this life into His heavenly mansion.

In youth mother surrendered her life to the Lord for salvation. This real joy was her strength and claim. She was received upon her confession of faith in the E. M. B. Church at Mountain Lake and in 1951 she was officially received into the Mennonite Brethren Church of Corn, Oklahoma, whose faithful member she has been until her parting.

In 1920 father was taken from our side. This added new responsibilities to mother; trusting her Saviour she courageously endeavored to resume the full responsibility of her household. God has blessed our dear mother richly in all endeavors. In 1948 mother desired to make her residence in the town of Corn. Here she enjoyed her home and the fellowship with her neighbors and friends. About two years ago her health began to fail. Skilled physicians were consulted but all efforts seemingly were in vain. Temporary relief was given but her ailment continued. Her condition increased rapidly and the last months of her life she suffered quite seriously. On Monday, August 28, 1955 at 11:45 a.m. it pleased the Lord to grant her desire which she expressed in the last two weeks, namely, "I desire to go home." In all her suffering she never complained nor lost faith in her precious Lord.

She reached the age of seventy-seven years, nine months, and twenty-seven days.

She leaves to mourn her two daughters Minnie, Mrs. D. F. Reimer, Corn, Oklahoma, and Selma, Mrs. C. E. Kroeker, Colony, Oklahoma, and son Albert J. Willems, Oklahoma City; one daughter-in-law, two sons in law, four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. C. Bergmann, Corn and Mrs. Adolf Krause, Gotebo; eight brothers, Isaac Thiessen, Reedley, California, J. H. Thiessen, George Thiessen and H. J. Thiessen all of Corn, William and Aaron Thiessen both from Gotebo, Abe Thiessen from Mountain View and Herman Thiessen from St. Cloud, Minnesota; and a host of relatives and friends.

We mourn but with the full assurance and hope of seeing our precious mother again.

The bereaved children.