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## **Leona Pauline (Rice) Colson** – Jewell, KS

Leona Pauline (Rice) Colson was born October 30, 1914 to Leo and Ona (Ward) Rice in rural Jewell County, KS and died February 19, 2012 at the Mitchell County Hospital Resident Care Center at the age of 97 years, 3 months and 20 days. Leona was the oldest of five children, brothers Francis, Leland, and Ernest and sister Mary, all of whom preceded her in death.

On April 12, 1933, Leona married Lester N. Colson of Ionia, KS in Mankato, KS. They farmed in the Ionia vicinity until they retired to Beloit, KS in 1972.

Leona was a homemaker and a farmwife helping with the work of the farm. They were parents of one daughter, Shirley. She enjoyed being a member of the Stitch and Chatter Club in the Ionia area during her younger years. Leona's preserving and canning was a priority all her able years. Her family dinners were usually capped with festive pies and always her pies were at Shirley's class food stands. She thoroughly enjoyed her flower beds in town away from farm chickens who dug them up. She enjoyed working with the crochet hook and knitting needles and shared those pieces with Shirley, Doyle, and grandchildren.

Realizing her health was failing, she opted to move back to the farm and live with Shirley. Her vital interest of the daily activities there was a joy to all. Her ready wit and wisdom will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, her husband, Lester, and son-in-law Doyle Remus. She is survived by her daughter Shirley Remus, Glen Elder, KS; granddaughter Aneita Remus, Shawnee, KS; two grandsons Loren Remus, Glen Elder, KS and Paul (Janet) Remus, Beloit, KS; two great-grandsons Jacob and Adam Remus, Beloit, KS; sisters-in-law Alice Rice, Beloit, KS, Winona Rice, Wichita, KS, and Thelma Rice, Wichita, KS as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.