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Lena Irene Jantz, 95

Lena Irene Jantz was born on Feb. 3, 1909, to Isaac and Maggie Harms in Inman, Kansas. She passed away peacefully at the Linden Nursing Home, Linden, Alberta, on Oct. 27, 2004, just three months short of her 96th birthday.

She had been residing there since May of 2003. She was blessed with good health to the end.

Lena grew up in Kansas. She was baptized into the Church of God in Christ Mennonite in her youth. Lena was joined in marriage to Jesse Jantz on December 23, 1933.

Mom and Dad moved from Kansas to Bonners Ferry, Idaho in 1936 to escape the "Dustbowl." They both loved the outdoors where they spent many happy times hunting, fishing, and berry picking. Times

were hard and Mom did various jobs throughout the years to help bring in extra income, besides raising her family and helping with the farm work. In spite of her busy life, she always had time for others and was hospitable to the many people who unexpectedly dropped by.

The folks left Bonners Ferry in 1991 and moved to Linden, Alberta.

Mom was a very giving person, always putting others first. She especially had a concern for their souls and was never ashamed to witness for the Lord.

She was a loving, patient and understanding mother, giving us all room to be who we were. In her quiet way, Mom was firm in her convictions as she taught us the way of truth.

Mom was so thankful for

God's grace throughout her life and though she felt her unworthiness, she will always be a shining example to us.

Those left to mourn her passing are: DeEtta and Don Becker, Sharon and Jim Wadel, Bonners Ferry; Roberta and Bruce Barbeau, Bellingham, Wash.; Wanda Backman, Marva and John Berniko, Linden, Alberta; stepdaughter Orvillene and Charlie Harris, Lynnwood, Wash.; stepson-in-law Donald Friedrich, Stanwood, Wash.; fifteen grandchildren, forty two great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, infant daughter Joyce Lee, six brothers and sisters, three grandchildren, and stepdaughter, Shirley Friedrich.