

Mabel Darrington, 93

March 1, 1910 - Dec. 9, 2003

PERSIA – Mabel Marie Darrington, the oldest child of George and Margaret (Wohlers) Gravert, was born March 1, 1910, in Missouri Valley. She grew up on the family farm near Missouri Valley, and attended the one room schoolhouse near her home. As a teenager, Mabel took care of her Grandmother Wohlers who lived in Beebeetown. Mabel attended high school in Beebeetown and graduated in 1929.

She married William E. Darrington March 24, 1932. They made their home on the farm south of Persia where she resided for over 70 years. The Darringtons had two children, Lola Marie Graalfs and William W. Darrington. She was a member of the Friendly Neighbors Club for over 60 years. She was a 50-year member and Past Matron of Agatha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Neola. She was a director of the Harrison County Historical Society and volunteered at the Historical Village. She was a member of the Community of Christ Women's Group and the Harrison County Republican Women. She was in excellent health until she had a heart attack and stroke in August 2003. Mabel died Dec. 9, 2003, at age 93 years, nine months and eight days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William E., and daughter, Lola. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William W. (Betty) Darrington of Persia; grandchildren, William D. (Rebecca) Darrington of Persia; Bonnie (Randy) Orme of Red Oak; Ronda Graalfs of Neola; and Mark Graalfs of Council Bluffs; and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2003, at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, with Connie McWilliams of the Community of Christ Church, Persia, officiating. Casket bearers were George Harman, Bill Berg, Jason Orme, Brandon Graalfs, Harold Bertelsen and Keith Darrington. Honorary casket bearers were Lucas Orme, Caleb Orme, Cleone Kuster, Wilbur Hubbard, Paul Miller and Brayden Darrington. Burial was at the Grange Cemetery in Honey Creek.