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Alma Dittmer, 104

Nov. 25, 1898 - Sept. 20, 2003

HOLSTEIN – Alma Koroline Erma (Miller) Dittmer was born Nov. 25, 1898, the first child of Friedrich and Marie Caroline (Bochmann) Miller, at Holstein. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. She received her schooling at the Battle Center School.

She married Frank Dittmer Oct. 4, 1922. This marriage was blessed with seven children. The couple farmed northwest of Holstein, until moving to town in June of 1953. Frank died in September of 1972. Alma was member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Women's Society and Arts and Craft. She died Sept. 20, 2003, at the Holstein Good Samaritan in Holstein, at age 104.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Arlene Mohn; one son, Howard (Wanda); one granddaughter, Valerie Dittmer; one great granddaughter, Shawneey Dittmer; one great-grandson, Terry Oxendale, Jr.; five brothers, Clarence, Otto, Albert, Theodore and Karl Miller; and one sister, Marie Bumann. She is survived by one son, Robert (Eva) of Holstein; four daughters, Lois (Theodore) Boldra of Holstein; Lauretta Skarin of Wall Lake; Marie Sundene of Cherokee; Janet (Ronald) Nielsen of Harlan; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; one son-in-law, Arnold (Lamerne) Mohn of Story City; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Sept. 24, 2003, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Holstein, with Pastor Curtis Benson officiating. Burial was in Cherokee Memorial Gardens in Cherokee. Barker Funeral Home in Holstein, in charge of arrangements.