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Leona Kathryn Eastman, 89

May 8, 1906 - Feb. 20, 1996

AVOCA - Leona Kathryn Eastman was born May 8, 1906 near Walnut, daughter of Peter and Amelia Sievers Thomsen. She was one of nine children in the family. She attended country school and graduated in 1924 from Walnut High School. She then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She was employed at the Exchange State Bank in Walnut.

She married Reese Clark Dec. 22, 1928. After his death she moved to Iowa City and owned and operated a beauty salon with her sister, Ethel.

She married Jay Eastman in the 1940's and they made their home at Kalona. They retired to Protem, MO where she lived until moving to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut in 1991. She was a resident of Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca for the past 3 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She died Feb. 20, 1996 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, 9 months and 12 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Reese and Jay; two brothers, Elmer and Harold and three sisters, Winona Faris, Ethel Mattice and Hazel Petersen. She is survived by her sister, Juanita Thomsen of Walnut; two brothers, Arnold Thomsen (Geraldine) of Avoca and Charles Thomsen (Betty) of Pahrump, NV; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Feb. 23, 1996 at the Knutson Funeral Home, Walnut with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Inurnment was in the Walnut Cemetery.