

Irene Ebert, 77

Dec. 24, 1920 - Feb. 16, 1998

HANCOCK - Irene Ebert was born Dec. 24, 1920, at Mannheim, Germany. She was the daughter of Karl and Johanna Muller Hauser. She attended school and graduated with an equivalent of a high school diploma. She attended a fashion design school for 2 years.

She met John Ebert while he was in the Army during the Occupation of Germany. He met her through her parents and grandparents. The Ebert name was her grandmother's maiden name, but of no relation. They started dating in July of 1945 while John was in Mannheim-Feudenheim. They married in Mannheim Feb. 14, 1946. In August of 1946, they decided to move to Hancock. She was told she would be living near Omaha, which was about the same size of Mannheim. She was surprised concerning the size of Hancock and distance it was from Omaha. Her parents also made their home in Hancock from 1948 until 1960, moving back to Germany. Her mother came back to Hancock in 1962 to stay. She and John traveled to Florida, Germany and other countries in Europe. She also was host to many German visitors to the United States. She died Feb. 16, 1998, at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 77 years, one month and 23 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, John of Hancock; their two sons, Ken Ebert (Miden) of Hickman, NE and Fred Ebert (Cathy) of Missouri Valley; six grandchildren, Suzanne Ebert, Jenith Harvey, Cory Harvey, Jessica Ebert, Serena Ebert and Sarah Ebert, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Donovan Voss, Steve Guyer, Ray Oslin, Larry Jacobsen, Luke Claussen and Ron Olsen.