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Hazel Ehlers, 93

June 19, 1914 - Sept. 4, 2007

MANNING — Hazel, daughter of Jacob Lage Jr. and Emma (Witt) Lage, was born June 19, 1914, in Arcadia. As a young girl she moved with her family to a small farm near Manning. She attended Manning schools, graduating with the class of 1933. Following her schooling, she worked in several stores in Manning, including the Dime Store and Mayflower Cafe.

Jan. 23, 1940, Hazel married Freddie Ehlers in Harlan. Two sons were born to this union. In 1952, she was baptized and confirmed at the First Presbyterian Church in Manning. The family farmed near Botna and Manning and then near Aspinwall for 25 years. Freddie died unexpectedly in 1975 and later that year Hazel moved into Manning. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women, VFW Auxiliary and the Senior Citizens Center. She became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home in March of 2003. She died there Sept. 4, 2007, at age 93 years, two months and 16 days.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband; parents; granddaughter, Amy Jo Ehlers; twin brothers in infancy; brother, Glen Lage; and sister, Ina Roosa. She is survived by her two sons Dale Ehlers (Marcy) of Manning and Rod Ehlers of Westside; three granddaughters, Alycia (Kevin) Sporrer of Wall Lake; Afton Ehlers of Dension; and Holly (José) Jiménez of Ankeny; two great-grandchildren, Carlos Jimenez and Landon Sporrer; two step-great-grandchildren, Tommy Jimenez and Christian Jimenez; sister, Ruth Schroeder of Denison; sister-in-law, Maxine Lage of Fort Dodge; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7, 2007, at the First Presbyterian Church in Manning, with Rev. Marshall Brown officiating. Casket bearers were Dennis Backhaus, Errol Wegner, Donald Pfannkuch, Rodney Backhaus, Ronny Frahm, and Bill Opperman. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.