

Freda Graybill, 91

Oct. 1, 1913 - Jan. 25, 2005

BATTLE CREEK — Freda Marie Svendsen, daughter of Hans Carl and Martine (Jensen) Svendsen, was born Oct. 1, 1913, on a farm in Woodbury County. She later moved with her family to a farm north of Battle Creek, where she graduated from Battle Creek High School. She taught in rural schools in Ida County for 13 years.

Freda married William Clarence Graybill July 26, 1945, at the Battle Creek Presbyterian Manse. They farmed for many years northwest of Battle Creek and raised their three daughters, Linda Lou, Carol Jean and Mary Ann. In 1974, they retired from farming and moved into Battle Creek. Clarence died March 30, 1977. She died Jan. 25, 2005, at Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove, at age 91.

Freda was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Karen "Carrie" and her husband Milton Schmidt; a brother, Thorvald and his wife, Mildred Svendsen; and several brothers- and sisters-in-law, Joe and Ruth Graybill, Edith and Bill Slentz, Melvina and Morris Larson, Harriet and Merrill Slentz, Eva and Orrie Ross, Kenneth and Vivian Graybill, Warren D. Graybill and Lowella J. Graybill. Survivors include three daughters and their husbands, Linda (LeRoy) Wright of Harlan; Carol (Dennis) Rangel of Blue Island, IL; and Mary (Kyle) Richardson of Austin, TX; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Curtis, Wendy, Daena, Joshua and Jeremiah Rangel; Brad and Brenda Wright; and their daughters, Caitlyn, Taylor and Cheyenne; Brendt Wright and his daughters, Britni and Alanah; and Laurie and Justin Smith and their children, Tessa and Tyler; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church in Battle Creek, with The Rev. Kevin J. Freese officiating. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Battle Creek. Christensen-Huffman Funeral Home in Battle Creek in charge of arrangements.