

Thelma Hargens, 88

Dec. 10, 1924 - July 18, 2013

AVOCA — Thelma Hargens was born in Burlington Junction, MO on December 10, 1924 to Charley and Dagmar (Jensen) Winsor. She was one of six children in the family. Thelma was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manning. At a very early age she moved with her parents to a farm near Irwin. She attended country school and lived on the farm until she graduated from Irwin High School in 1943. After graduating, she worked at an egg drying plant, Priebe's and Son, in Manning. It was in Manning where she met Lester Hargens. Lester served in the army in World War II and was wounded in France and received a Purple Heart.



Thelma was united in marriage to Lester Hargens on August 4, 1946 in Manning. They were the parents of eight children: Richard, Randy, Russell, Roger, Rodney, and three deceased: Karen, Eugene and Robert. Thelma, Lester and their five sons moved to Avoca on July 9, 1967. After marriage, she cleaned houses and worked at the Avoca Day Care and also was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing bingo, loved writing poetry and telling jokes. Thelma was a very caring person and loved her family very much; her brother and sisters meant a lot to her. She was not a judgmental person and never talked bad about anyone. Thelma died on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center having attained the age of 88 years, 7 months and 8 days.

Thelma is preceded in death by her husband, Lester, her parents, three children: Karen Kay, Eugene Christian, and Robert Dale; granddaughter, Jessica Lynn; and great-grandson Maurice Kyle. She is survived by her sons: Richard Hargens of Avoca, Randy Hargens and his wife Martha of Walnut, Russell Hargens and his wife Tina of Des Moines, Roger Hargens and his wife Beth of Council Bluffs, and Rodney Hargens and his wife Denise of Avoca; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters: Lois Anderson of Dunlap, Melba and her husband Ray Kolln of Denison, Donna and her husband Victor Schwiesow of Manning; brothers: Kenneth Winsor and his wife Lorna of Schleswig, and Howard Christensen and his wife Donna of Bull Shoals, AR; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Eric Meissner officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Mon-

day, July 22, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Shirley Pattee was the accompanist. Serving as pallbearers were Ryan Hargens, Travis Hargens, Jeremy Hargens, Alex Hargens, Jeff Hargens, Joey Hargens, James Hargens, and Christopher Hargens.

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