

Velma Herrick, 84

June 16, 1913 - Feb. 14, 1998

JOHNSTON - Velma June Herrick, age 84 of Johnston, died of complications of pneumonia Feb. 14, 1998, at the Bishop Drumm Care Center in Johnston. She was born to Frank and Marie (Hilbert) Fahrenkrog June 16, 1913, at their family farm west of Persia. She graduated from Persia High School in 1930 and later graduated from Boyles College of Business. Shortly after, she was employed as deputy in the office of the Clerk of Court of Harrison County in Logan.

She married David Herrick in 1937, at the Little Brown Church in the Vale area at Nashua. During his patrol duty, they lived at numerous places in Iowa. He was one of the original members of the Iowa State Patrol and was the Patrol's long standing chief. Following his retirement as chief, they moved from Des Moines and made their home in Atlantic for 16 years before moving to Altoona, where they had lived for 12 years. Due to ill health, she has lived in McAuley Terrace Apartments in Johnston for the past 8 years. After several times of hospitalization since the first of the year, she entered the Bishop Drumm Care Center, located near her apartment home. One son, Gary was born to this union while they were living in Storm Lake. Mr. Herrick died in 1982. Her life was centered in her family which was blessed with two granddaughters, Sandra and Tanya. During their time in Atlantic, she was active in volunteer work at the Cass County Hospital. She also found great satisfaction in working with crafts that she donated to her husband's Masonic Lodge in Atlantic for the benefit of the Shriner's Hospital. The family were members of the Methodist Church in Atlantic before moving.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Jensen and Clara Foje, and her brothers, Harry and Monroe Fahrenkrog. She is survived by her son, Gary Herrick (Pat) of Tarpin Springs, FL; her two granddaughters, Sandra Herrick of Natick, MA and Tanya Herrick of Des Moines; her brother-in-law, Albert Jensen of Minden; her sister-in-law, Barbara Fahrenkrog of Logan; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial graveside services were held Feb. 19, 1998, at the Atlantic Cemetery in Atlantic, with Lay-Pastor Wayne Paulsen of Avoca officiating. Hamilton's Funeral Home in Des Moines in charge of arrangements.