

## Blanche Johnson, 91

*March 22, 1912 - Dec. 30, 2003*

**WALNUT** – Blanche Marjorie Johnson was born March 22, 1912, at Avoca. She was the daughter of Frank M. and Ethel Fry Briggs and was one of nine children in the family. She was raised in Avoca and attended grade school there. Her father worked for the Rock Island Railroad.

Blanche married Clifford M. Johnson May 1, 1930, in Atlantic. Five children, Clifford, Shirley, Ruby, Dale and Darrell Leo were born to this union. They lived in several communities in southwest Iowa. For several years they lived in Elk Horn and Atlantic, before moving to Walnut in 1959 following Clifford's retirement. Blanche was a homemaker. Clifford died Dec. 30, 1989, and Blanche continued to live in her home in Walnut. Dec. 16, 2002, Blanche moved to the Ogden Manor and it was there that she died Dec. 30, 2003, at age 91 years, nine months and eight days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Clifford, she was preceded in death by two sons, Darrell Leo, who died in infancy, and Clifford "Sam"; one daughter, Ruby Ackart; as well as her brothers and sisters, Lolita Parker, Frank Briggs, Viola Henry, Zella Johnson, Ted Briggs, Beatrice Stevens, Dorothy Burns and Darrell Briggs. Blanche is survived by her daughter, Shirley (Otto) Faaborg of Ames; her son, Dale Johnson (Carolyn) of Van Buren, AR; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Marcia Johnson; and a son-in-law, Levi Ackart; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Walnut, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Tim Suhr, Jim Hansen, Rhett Faaborg, Rand Faaborg, Kenneth Suhr, Troy Suhr and Terry Suhr.