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## Corrine Jorgensen, 96

*Oct. 22, 1907 - Nov. 5, 2003*

**KNOXVILLE** – Corrine Gertrude Jorgensen was born in Viola Township, Audubon County, Oct. 22, 1907, youngest child of James Edward and Gertrude Gillespie Bowman. She lost her mother at age 2, father at age 12, and was raised by her grandmother and later stepmother, living in both Coon Rapids and Grinnell. After leaving home, Corrine lived with an older brother and waitressed at an Audubon cafe.

Sept. 12, 1930, Corrine married Elmer Jorgensen as a special feature of the Audubon County Fair. The couple lived in Fiscus 42 years where they farmed, operated a trucking business, gas and oil station. She was a member of the Fiscus Social Club, Sunday School and Bible School teacher, local correspondent for two newspapers, longtime 4-H leader, organizer and first president of the Audubon County Republican Women, member and officer of county extension committees and, in 1960, named Audubon County "Home-maker of the Year". Corrine's favorite charity was the Tuberculosis Association, where she served as officer, as well as, chairing Easter Seal and Christmas Seal Drives in Audubon County. She also served on the Shelby County Cancer Board and was committed to church missions. After retirement and the move to Harlan in 1972, Corrine completed a nurse's aide course, which prepared her to care for her husband following a paralyzing stroke and became involved in both hospital and nursing home auxiliaries. Corrine also belonged to the Garden Club and entered arrangements in fair competition. In later years, she is remembered for driving "older folks" to church and providing soup, pie and casserole dishes to the sick and needy. In 1996, Corrine relocated to Knoxville and Pella to be closer to her daughters and lived at Oakview in Knoxville, North Hilltop in Pella, TLC Wing of Knoxville Hospital, Griffin Nursing Center and in her daughter's home. She died Nov. 5, 2003, at age 96 years.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband in 1976 and three brothers, Harold, George and Clifford Bowman. She is survived by in-laws, Harold and Eleanor Nelson of Clayton, CA and Melba Jorgensen of Harlan; her daughter, Marlene Perrin of Iowa City and daughter, Sue (Roy) McCullough of Knoxville, as well as, grandchildren, Craig William Perrin of Novato, CA; Tom Perrin of Iowa City; Sean McCullough of Polk City; and Shannon Ussery of Knoxville; three great grandchildren, Amelia, McKenna and Kade; and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Nov. 8, 2003, at the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

