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## **Esther L. Koester, 87**

**HANCOCK** — Services for Esther L. Koester, formerly of Hancock, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Hancock Methodist Church. Burial will be at Hancock Cemetery.

Mrs. Koester, 87, died Sun., Aug. 9, 1987, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Avoca.

She and her husband, Edward, farmed in the McClelland area until 1951, when he began an 18-year stint as Hancock postmaster. The Koesters moved to Council Bluffs in 1976. He died in 1979, and she moved to the nursing home in 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Marjorie (Mrs. Leonard) Timm and Betty (Mrs. James) Ryan, both of Council Bluffs; a son, Gerald of Tulsa, OK.; sisters, Minta Goodwin of Flagler, CO., and Erma Patterson of Yucapia, CA.; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.