

## **Irma Kock, 88**

*April 30, 1915 - Sept. 8, 2003*

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** – Irma Margaret Kock was born April 30, 1915, in Esingen, Schleswig Holstein, Germany, the daughter of August Frederick and Hellen Marie Heitmann Koch. The family moved to the United States when Irma was 12 and settled near Hancock. In 1931, when Irma was 16 her sister Hellen "Grace" was born. In 1942, at the age of 27, Irma became a U.S. citizen.

Irma married John Henry Kock Dec. 23, 1950, at the Congregational Church in Minden. They settled on the same farm that her parents had farmed. Oct. 25, 1952, their only child, James Marcus, was born in Council Bluffs. They moved to Council Bluffs after James graduated from high school. After moving, she went to work at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs as a housekeeper and remained there until retiring in 1978. She continued to live in her own home after John died in 1992 and in May of 2003 she moved to the Loess Hills Nursing Home in Council Bluffs, and finally moving to the Avoca Assisted Living in August. Irma died Sept. 8, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 88 years, four months and nine days.

Her parents, husband and sister, Grace Raes, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, James "Jim" Kock (Merrilee "Lee"); two granddaughters, Rashelle and Alicia, all of Hancock; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2003, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger officiating. Burial was in the Ridgewood Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Casket bearers were Leo Voggesser, Kenneth Freeland, Paul Voggesser, Harold Voggesser, Don Madsen and Bob Voggesser. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.