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Velma Olsen, 96

Jan. 27, 1911 - June 25, 2007

HANCOCK— Velma Frances Olsen, daughter of Walter Scott and Maggie Wilson LaMaster, was born Jan. 27, 1911 in Guilford, MO. At age 13 the family moved to Iowa and Velma attended school at Fairview No. 5 in Shelby County and graduated from Harlan High School in 1930. After graduation Velma taught country school in Shelby County for six years.

Velma married Everett Olsen Nov. 23, 1935, in Sergeant Bluff. After their marriage they farmed northeast of Avoca for two years and then sold the farm and moved to Denver, CO where she was employed with Denver General Hospital. They later moved to San Diego, CA where she worked in the Aircraft factory during World War Two. After their retirement they moved to the Hancock area in 1968 to make their home. For several years they spent their winters in Texas. She died June 25, 2007, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 96 years, four months and 29 days.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Everett; two brothers, Raymond and Lloyd; two sisters, Gertrude and Lois; and a very good friend, Raymond from Salem Lutheran Homes. Survivors include her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 28, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in Hancock with Rev. David LaMaster officiating. Casket bearers were Ron Olsen, Carroll Olsen, Don Harwick, Lonnie Olsen, Gene Olsen and Bob Briggs. Burial was held in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.