

Eva Larsen Purcell, 84

June 25, 1915 – July 27, 1999

CLARINDA – Eva Larsen Purcell, 84, of Clarinda, died July 27, 1999, at Goldenrod Manor where she had been a resident since March 1999. She was born in Audubon County June 25, 1915, to Peter and Ida Kyhn Petersen.

April 22, 1936, she married Elmer Larsen, who preceded her in death May 31, 1975. She married Lemuel Purcell, who also preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and had worked at the White Star Laundry, Shenandoah, and the Clarinda Municipal Hospital. She had been a resident of Yorktown, and after Mr. Purcell's death lived in Walnut, 1985-1994 when she moved to Clarinda.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; daughter, Rebecca; brothers, Vernon, Donald and Glen; and infant sister, Rose. She is survived by five children, Virgil Larsen (Mary Ann) of Des Moines; Darald Larsen (Betty) of Walnut; Gary Larsen (Janet) of Johnston; Leon Larsen (Kila) of Yorktown; Joy Stumme (Craig) of Springfield, NE; 17 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brothers and sisters, Elise Johannsen of Audubon; Lorraine Larsen of Kimballton; Maxine Miller (Jerald) of Des Moines; Melvin Petersen (Virginia) of Brayton; sister-in-law, Lola Petersen of Lewis; and brother-in-law, Lester Larsen (Grace) of Audubon; stepsons, Bill Purcell and Ed Purcell of Des Moines.

Funeral services were held July 29, 1999, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarinda, with Pastor Gary Jaeckle officiating. Burial was in the Polsley Cemetery near Yorktown. Walker-Merrick Funeral Home, Clarinda, in charge of arrangements.