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LaVerne M.W. Russmann, 84

WALNUT - LaVerne M.W. Russmann was born Sept. 5, 1906 on the family farm north of Walnut. She was the daughter of Herman and Bertha Dreyer Mueller and was one of three children in the family. She attended school in Walnut and graduated with the class of 1925 after which she attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She taught country school in the Shelby County area for approximately nine years.

She married A. Paul Russmann Feb. 14, 1935 at Walnut. After marriage, they lived at Rorbeck near Elk Horn, for one year then moving to the family farm north of Walnut, where they lived until their retirement in 1974, when they moved to town. They were the parents of two daughters, Marilyn and Lila. She was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut and also a member of the Helping Hand Club and Rebekah Lodge of Walnut. In 1985, she entered the Salem Lutheran Home at Elk Horn. Paul later moved to Peace Haven Home where he died Nov. 28, 1986. She continued to live at Salem Home where she died Dec. 10, 1990, at age 84 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul and a brother, Earl Mueller. Survivors include her two daughters, Marilyn (Gene) Olsen of Hancock and Lila (Perry) Kelley of rural Harlan; a sister, Mae Mattox of Elk Horn; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13, 1990 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with Pastors Michele Scott and LeVern S. Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Gene Olsen Jr., Ronald Olsen, Lonnie Olsen, Perry Kelley, Jr., Jerry Kelley and Larry Kelley serving as casketbearers. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.