

Ardelle Sievers, 94

Oct. 24, 1909 – Sept. 11, 2004

WALNUT—Ardelle Sievers was born Chlorinda Ardelle Palmer Oct. 24, 1909, on a farm south of Washington Court House, Ohio. She was the oldest daughter of Allison and Minnie (Clark) Palmer. In 1912, Ardelle came to Iowa with her parents and a younger sister, Erma. She lived all her life in the Walnut area, attending country school, Walnut Public School and Lewis High School. She later graduated from Walnut High School with the class of 1928. After high school, she worked in Walnut and surrounding towns, doing housework and taking care of newborn babies.

June 25, 1930, Ardelle married Melvin "Bill" Sievers at the First Presbyterian Church in Atlantic. Together they farmed southwest of Walnut for 17 years before moving into Walnut in 1947. She attended the Methodist Church until 1950, when she joined the Presbyterian Church in Walnut where she was active in the United Presbyterian Women. She belonged to the B.P.O. Order of the Does in Atlantic. She was a local 4-H leader for 18 years and served on the East Pottawattamie Extension Council for three years. She belonged to the Walnut Federated Garden Club for 35 years and received a lifetime membership in the Federated Garden Club of Iowa. She was also a charter member of the Walnut Fireflies. She was a Layton Township Democratic Committee person and a member of the Pottawattamie County Democratic Central Committee and the Democratic Women's Club. She died Sept. 11, 2004, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 94 years, 10 months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, Ardelle was preceded in death by two infant daughters at birth; her husband, Bill in 1983; as well as her brothers, Daniel and William Palmer; her sister, Erma Thraen; and her daughter Betty Jean Hoover, who died in 1982. She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Simonsen Giboyeaux of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren, Cindy Schlatter, Shelley Hoover, Mark Hoover, Bryan Simonsen, Kendal Osbahr and Eilly Whaley; eight great grandchildren, Nathan Hollenbeck; Matthew and Jonathan Leonard; Chelsea Osbahr; Morgan, MacKenzie and Madison Simonsen; and Emma Whaley; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 14, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut, with Pastor David Krueger officiating. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery, Walnut. Casket bearers were Donnie Bauerkemper, Brett Petersen, Chuck Gross, Darrell Stamp, Brian Bauerkemper and Craig Wollmann. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Walnut Chapel, in charge of arrangements.