

Ruth Sievers, 86

July 2, 1916 - Feb. 26, 2003

WALNUT – Ruth Laree Sievers was born July 2, 1916, at Corley, the daughter of Virgil and Sena Larsen Waterbury. She graduated from the class of 1934 from Harlan High School with a certificate of normal training. She taught country school at Cuppy's Grove and later at Corley.

April 13, 1939, she married Norman Sievers at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. To this union three children were born, Toby, Jill and Kent. They farmed in the Walnut area for several years, then moved to Ruth's home place at Corley in 1954. In 1968, they retired to their log cabin home in Walnut. Norman died Nov. 8, 1981. Ruth died Feb. 26, 2003, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 86 years, seven months and 24 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman; her sisters, Anita Johnson, Zeta Hamdorf and Virginia Reimer; and her brother, Allen Waterbury. She is survived by her sons, Donovan "Toby" Sievers (Janet) of Perham, MN and Kent Sievers (Judy) of Columbus Junction; her daughter, Jill (Phil) Hansen of Fort Dodge; three grandchildren, Heidi, Ann and Amy; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 2003, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Gary Hansen and Jerald Christensen. Casket bearers were Larry Shepherd, Dennis Book, Denny Phillips, Jim Hansen, Gary Krummel and Lynn Gronborg. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut, in charge of arrangements.