

Juanita Thomsen, 95

Feb. 23, 1904 – Dec. 17, 1999

WALNUT – Juanita Viola Thomsen was born Feb. 23, 1904, near Avoca, daughter of Peter and Amelia Sievers Thomsen, and was one of nine children in the family. She graduated from Walnut High School in 1922. She then attended the University of Iowa and after graduation she taught school in Avoca for two years. She was ill with tuberculosis for eight years during which time she lived at the Oakdale Sanitarium. Following her illness, she kept house for her brother for a few years and then she moved to Iowa City where she worked for a number of years as an X-ray technician for a group of doctors at the University of Iowa Hospitals. She retired to Missouri and lived at Lazy Acres on Bull Shoals Lake until returning to Walnut in 1992. She was a resident of Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut for a number of years. She died Dec. 17, 1999, at the Atlantic Nursing and Rehab Center in Atlantic, at age 95 years, nine months and 24 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers and sisters, Elmer Thomsen, Leona Eastman, Winona Farris, Hazel Petersen, Harold Thomsen and Ethel Matrice. She is survived by two brothers, Arnold Thomsen of Avoca and Charles Thomsen of Pahrump, NV; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Walnut, with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Inurnment was in the Walnut Cemetery.