

Hazel Oakes Wunder, 85

Sept. 24, 1912 - Oct. 4, 1997

STORM LAKE - Laura Hazel Oakes was born Sept. 24, 1912, in Douglas Township, Shelby County, daughter of Charles Willis and Laura (Paulk) Oakes. She graduated in 1929 from Kirkman High School and attended Harlan Normal School. She graduated from Buena Vista College in 1966 and had also attended Drake University and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She was a teacher for 35 years and taught school in rural Shelby County, Nemaha and Highview School northwest of Storm Lake. She was a special reading teacher in the Odebolt-Arthur school system.

She married Arnold H. Wunder July 18, 1932 at Canton, SD. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, a 50-year member and Past Matron of Rebekah Lodge #205, Past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star Lodge #209 and was Past Iowa Grand Officer of U.C.T. and a member of the DAR. She died Oct. 4, 1997, at the Buena Vista County Hospital following a lengthy illness at age 85 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and an infant sister. She is survived by her husband, Arnold, Storm Lake; a son, Arnold Jr. (Joni), Storm Lake; five granddaughters, Vicki Marie Fugate (Alan), North Platte, NE; Lynda Booth (Jeff), Waukee; Lisa Shull (Dan), Omaha; Laura Christensen (James), Van Meter and Holly Rentsch (Walter), Bloomfield, NE. Also surviving are ten great grandchildren, one sister, one brother and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 1997, at the United Methodist Church with the Reverend Clifton Ellerbeck officiating. Burial was in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Fratzke Funeral Home, Storm Lake, in charge of arrangements.