



Doris Patterson

April 25, 1921 - February 15, 2013

Doris Patterson, age 91, of Alta, Iowa died Friday, February 15, 2013 at her home in Alta. Doris Jean Hatch was born April 25, 1921 in Marathon, Iowa, the daughter of Bert R. and Mabel (Wall) Hatch. She attended Alta Consolidated Schools, graduating with the Class of 1939. She was a member of the Alta United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir for many years. Doris also sang duets with her sister, Jane. On November 30, 1947, Doris was united in marriage to Thayer D. Patterson at the Methodist Parsonage in Alta, Iowa. They farmed together for many years until retiring, and she continued to live on the family's Century Farm in rural Alta. Thayer and Doris were proud of their community. He was a former Buena Vista Fair Board member. They received a plaque for their service to the board in 2001. In addition, Doris was a 50 year member of the Alta Chapter Eastern Star #138. Doris was an avid reader, who visited the Storm Lake Public Library frequently where she checked out many books over the years. While her health permitted, she enjoyed attending County and State Fairs. Doris had a keen interest in politics and loved discussing the various political platforms. She appreciated all aspects of nature and found beauty in the four seasons as well as pleasure in watching wildlife, particularly the deer. She also was deeply interested in young people and their education. Those left to cherish her memory include her niece, Deanna Larson of Storm Lake, Iowa; nephew, Gary (Sally) Larson of Shoreview, Minnesota; great nephew, Matthew (Kristi) Larson of Madison, Wisconsin; other relatives and friends.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Mabel Hatch; her husband, Thayer D. Patterson; two brothers: Chester Hatch and Ralph Hatch; one sister, Jane Larson; and an infant nephew, Gordon Larson.