



Laura "Lucille" Olsen

December 30, 1908 - December 7, 2010

Laura Olsen, age 101, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away December 7, 2010 in Storm Lake. Laura "Lucille" (Baysinger) Olsen was born December 30, 1908 in Witt, Illinois. She was the youngest daughter of Alfred and Carrie (Smith) Baysinger. When she was seven years old her family moved from Illinois to Fonda, Iowa. They lived in the area for several years and then moved to rural Rembrandt, Iowa. It was here that Lucille made the acquaintance of Martin Olsen Jr. They were united in marriage on February 19, 1925 at the Methodist Parsonage in Cherokee, Iowa. Together they were blessed with two children: Dorothy Mae and David William. They spent the next eleven years on the "Olsen family home place", west of Rembrandt, engaged in farming. In order to settle the estate, the farm was sold and Martin and Lucille continued farming in Heron Lake, Minnesota and Murdock, Minnesota. In 1941 Lucille was confirmed at Rolling Forks Lutheran Church in Sedan, Minnesota where the family was members. Several years later they quit farming and moved back to Iowa spending the years in Storm Lake and Peterson, Iowa. They were members of the United Methodist church in Peterson where Lucille was a member of the Ladies Aide. Lucille's family was first and foremost in her life. She enjoyed a warm, loving relationship with her parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Five generations in all. Nothing brought her more happiness than spending time and visiting with family and friends. She was a meticulous housekeeper who also loved to cook. Bread making and cinnamon

rolls were enjoyed by all who knew her. Lucille possessed a spirited personality, liked to tease, had a mischievous streak and a wonderful sense of humor. She was blessed with a generous nature, willing to give and help someone less fortunate than she. Her memory was a remarkable gift. She was a treasure of information as to birth dates, names, events, etc. When we wanted to know something it was always, "ask Grandma Lucy". She retained this wonderful gift until her death. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. On February 6, 1996 her husband, Martin, passed away. Their marriage had lasted seventy-one years. Lucille entered Methodist Manor on August 20, 1997 and died there on December 7, 2010. May God bless her memory. Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Dorothy Tam of Storm Lake, Iowa; and David (Shirley) Olsen of Peterson, Iowa; grandchildren: Sherry (Manny) Aryanpur of La Jolla, California; Becky (Bill) Eimermann of Dow City, Iowa; Bonnie (Brian) Allers of LaPorte City, Iowa; David (Cindy) Olsen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Debbie (Lonnie) Pedersen of Wapakoneta, Ohio; and Dennis (Karen) Olsen of Alton, Illinois; great grandchildren: Rob (Lynn) Fiorendino of Columbia Heights, Minnesota; Gene (Ann Marie) Fiorendino of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mark Eimermann of Dow City, Iowa; Jill (Brent) Millis of Des Moines, Iowa; Noelle (Shawn) Pedersen of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Matthew (Nicky) Allers of LeClair, Iowa; Bonnie Marie (Joe) McLaughlin of Fort Worth, Texas; Katie (Todd) Toepelmier of Washington Township, Iowa; David (Adair) Olsen of Honolulu, Hawaii; Alex Allers of Davenport, Iowa; Garrod (Jessica) Pedersen of Mayfield Heights, Ohio; Ian Olsen of Houston, Texas; seven great-great grandchildren; extended family and many friends. Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers; one sister; one grandson; and two sons-in-law.