



## Viola Ruth McCullough

September 15, 1919 - December 7, 2012

Viola McCullough, age 93, of Sioux City, Iowa and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 7, 2012 at Sunrise Retirement Community in Sioux City. Vi was born September 15, 1919 in Massena, Iowa down by Atlantic, Iowa. She was the oldest of seven children. She lived mostly on farms in her years of growing up. Vi started out living on a farm around the Walnut, Iowa area until about 10 years of age. Her and her parents, Dan and Sarah (Smith) Mertz, moved to Fonda, Iowa and lived on numerous farms in the area. Vi graduated in 1937 from the Fonda High School. She then worked as a cook for about 1 ½ years. On September 15, 1938, she married James E. McCullough. In 1941, they were blessed with their daughter, Joyce McCullough Nielsen. They lived around Fonda for the first few years then they migrated to Seattle, Washington in 1945. They moved back from Seattle in 1949 and lived in the Fonda area once again, where Vi clerked in a grocery store and was a waitress in one of the cafes on Main Street in Fonda. They then left Fonda and moved to Mallard, Iowa and then onto the Humboldt, Iowa area. They made their home there for many years and then moved to Storm Lake in 1978. Those left to cherish her memory include grandchildren: Lori and Randy Hunt; Kevin and Kris Nielsen; Kelly and Robert Scott; great grandchildren: Doug Hunt (Amy Quick); Amanda (Mike) Hunt; Nick Kirschbaum (Mary Mills); Nathan Kirschbaum; Kent (Allison) Nielsen; Camille (Mike) Mueller; Alyssa (Dave) Flanagan; Bradlee and Dustin Scott; great great grandchildren: Connor, Sophie, Ave, Payton, Caden, and Kyler; sisters: Fern Marron; Vivian "Buddy" (Gene) Bunnelle; Loretta "Red" Boettcher; Shirley (Mack) McClurg. She also had created a new family and had become "Grandma Vi" to: Kermit and Shirley Hendricks; Jerry and Gariann Pyle; Chris and Jan Pyle and their children, Austin and Alexis. Vi was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Sarah Mertz; husband, James McCullough in 1982; daughter, Joyce and son-in-law, Ken Nielsen; one sister, Elane Miller; and one brother, David Mertz.