

## Alvena L. Herman, 87

Alvena Louisa Herman, daughter of Walter B. and Alvina D. (Grobe) Krueger was born Dec. 27, 1894 on a farm six miles south of Minden. In 1904, at the age of 10, she moved with her family to Minden, where they stayed for three years. In 1907, they moved back to a farm south of Walnut, in Lincoln twp. Alvena attended country school near Minden and Walnut through the eighth grade.

After school, she helped on the farm until her marriage to Ray Herman, a neighbor boy on Aug. 1, 1919. After their marriage, the Hermans moved to Des Moines where Ray worked as a carpenter. In 1925, they moved to Sacramento, Calif. Upon arriving in Calif., Ray found work immediately and Alvena later worked as a sales lady in food markets. Ray was divorced in 1929.

Because of the war and the black-outs in Sacramento, Alvena decided to come back to Iowa in 1940. She then kept house for her nephew, Marvin Rasmussen, for two years before returning to Des Moines in 1942. While in Des Moines, Alvena worked at bakeries decorating many fancy cakes until she retired in 1965, but continued to work part-time until 1978.

In Aug., 1981, she moved to Peace Haven Home in Walnut. She rejoined the Peace United Church of Christ, where she was confirmed with her brothers and sisters. On April 5, 1982, Alvena moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. She died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home on Dec. 4, 1982 at age 87, 11 months and 8 days.

In addition to her parents, Alvena was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter, Arthur, Henry and Albert and one sister, Ida (Mrs John) Rasmussen; one nephew, Lyle Krueger and one niece, Karen Karr. She is survived by her two sisters-in-law, Christen (Mrs Henry) Krueger of Walnut and Mabel (Mrs Albert) Krueger of Hancock; nine nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Dec. 6, 1982 with the Rev. B.H. Romanowski of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Orval Krueger, George W. Krueger, Clarence Baughman, Alden Krueger, Marvin Rasmussen and Lawrence W. Rasmussen serving as casketbearers.