

# Abbie Walters

Abbie Ellen Walters, only daughter of John and Esther (Schoonover) Hoyt, was born on a farm in Dallas county, on Aug. 24, 1875. At age 7, she moved with her parents to Ida county where she attended grade school. She attended Normal school at Woodbine and then taught for five years in the Ida county rural schools. On Dec. 16, 1897, she married Harry M. Walters on a farm in Ida county. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Walters lived on a farm between Galva and Ida Grove for a year. They then moved to Galva and this was their home until Mr Walters' death in 1952. At that time, due to failing eyesight, Abbie moved to Harlan and made her home with her youngest daughter, Ruth, Mrs Jake Crawford. This has been her home since that time and it was here that she died on Oct. 23, 1976, at age of 101 years, one month and 29 days. On Sept. 19, 1903, Abbie was baptised and joined the Galva Methodist church where she held her membership until the time of her death. She had a life membership in the W.S.C.S., serving as president and was also president of the Galva Missionary Society. She helped organize The Women's bible class and taught that Sunday school class for 35 years. During the WW I she was knitting chairman and knit many sweaters, scraves, socks and gloves. For a number of years she belonged to the Rebekah Lodge as well as the Galva civic club.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers - Alvin, Arthur, Leon and Ralph Hoyt. She is survived by one son, Marion H. Walters, a retired consulting engineer of Worthington, Ohio; two daughters - Esther Bashaw and Ruth Crawford, both of Harlan; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Prayer services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Monday, Oct. 25, 1976, with Rev David E. Cave, pastor of the Congregational Christian church in Harlan, officiating.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist church in Galva, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1976 with Rev. David E. Cave and Pastor Richard Oehring, officiating. Burial was in Galva township cemetery, Galva, with Guy Mantz, Jeppe Larsen, Donald Challman and Clifford Lorenzen serving as honorary casketbearers and Lloyd Lamm, Glenn Allen, Earl Naslund, Robert Franks, France Wanberg and Ralph Speakman serving as casketbearers.

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