

**Gertrude "Trudy" ✓
Saunders, 94**

March 17, 1914 - June 16, 2008

MANILLA — Gertrude E. (Trudy) Arnold Saunders was born March 17, 1914 to Gertrude and Gustof Arnold in Buck Grove, IA. Trudy passed away June 16, 2008 at the age of ninety-four years, two months and twenty-nine days. Trudy attended country school and graduated from Denison High School. She was an accomplished violinist from a very early age and continued to play the violin in the high school orchestra. She began teaching in a rural, one-room school after she completed her Normal Training education.



June 24, 1934, Trudy was united in marriage to Raymond (Ray) Saunders. In just eight days the couple would have celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary. The couple made their lifetime home three miles south of Manilla. The couple was blessed with the birth of four sons. Trudy was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Manilla, where she played the organ for over forty years, was President of the Woman's Guild (UPW), and participated in many other women's activities. Trudy was also active in Rural Home-Community Clubs. She often enjoyed playing Bridge and other card games with her friends. Trudy shared her love of music by playing the organ at the McHenry House in Denison, on many special occasions. Trudy had a wonderful flair for work in the kitchen. She created many beautiful wedding cakes along with various other delicious goodies for many special events.

Trudy is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Roland and Robert (Bob) Arnold, and one sister Anna Marie Rabe. She is survived by her husband Ray of seventy-three years and eleven months; four sons Dean and his wife Rosemary of Spencer; Dr. Craig and his wife JoDee of Basking Ridge, NJ; Dale and his wife Johnnet and Doug and his wife Patty, all of Manilla; fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were held Saturday at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

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