

Dagny Svendsen, 96 ✓

Oct. 31, 1911 - Sept. 6, 2008

HARLAN – Dagny Arnelia Svendsen, the daughter of Christian and Jo-Hanna (Jensen) Swensen, was born on October 31, 1911, in Denmark. At the age of two, she came to the United States with her parents. After attending country school through the eighth grade, Dagny worked as a hired girl for area families.

October 31, 1932, Dagny married Wilbert Svendsen in Botna, IA, north-east of Irwin, IA. From 1941-61, the couple farmed east of Kirkman, IA. Following their farm sale, Dagny and Wilbert moved to Harlan, IA. Dagny worked for the Harlan Community School's lunch program from 1964-77, and served as the program director for several years. Wilbert died on March 17, 2002. Dagny later became a resident of the Elk Horn Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, IA. Dagny was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, IA. She had previously taught Sunday School at Bethel Baptist Church, and served on the Women's Missionary Fellowship. Dagny enjoyed spending time crocheting afghans for family members, and was an avid Harlan sports fan. She and Wilbert liked to travel, and had once visited Hawaii. Dagny A. Svendsen died on Saturday, September 6, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA, having reached the age of 96 years, 10 months, and 6 days.

Dagny was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert Svendsen; one brother, Norman "Rocky" Swensen; and one sister, Christina Johnson. She is survived by three sons, Elliott (Ardis) Svendsen of Harlan, IA, Rev. Larry (Janice) Svendsen of Green Bay, WI, and Keith (Cheryl) Svendsen of Loveland, CO; one daughter, Carol (John) Stoll of Coralville, IA; one brother, Donald (JoAnn) Swensen of Bellevue, NE; five sisters, Ina Carroll of Jewell, IA, Violet (Wayne) Fiscus of Harlan, IA, Mae Heileg of Elk Horn, IA, Ethel Dent of Springdale, AR, and Joy (Tom) Salmon of Colorado Springs, CO; 12 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at the Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, IA, with Rev. Larry Svendsen and Rev. Steven Svendsen officiating. Casket bearers were Doug Svendsen, Steve Svendsen, Bradley Svendsen, Darren Svendsen, Roland Svendsen, Ryan Stoll, Christopher Stoll, and Nathaniel Stoll. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, IA.



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