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## Lorene Della Cordes, 83

LITTLETON, CO - Lorene Della Cordes was born in Shelby May 11, 1912. She was the daughter of Julius and Alvina Matthiensen Hager and was one of two children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated with the Class of 1930. Following her graduation she worked at the Maxwell Drug Store in Avoca.

She married Henry Cordes March 2, 1936 in Avoca. They farmed in the Guthrie Center and Audubon areas until moving to the Cordes family farm north of Walnut. They were the parents of three daughters. In 1969 they moved to Denver, CO. She was employed by the TransAmerican Corporation for 7 years, retiring in 1980. He died April 22, 1977. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America. The past three years she has been a resident of a nursing home. She was presently living in the Johnson Center Christian Living Campus in Littleton, CO. She died at the Center March 12, 1996 at age 83 years, 10 months and one day.

Lorene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry, and a sister, Lillie Jensen. She is survived by her three daughters; Rhonda Cordes of Littleton, CO; Cheryl (Douglas) Brown of Avoca and Carmen (Wayne) Craney of Oklahoma City, OK; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a niece, Darlene Nichols; a nephew, Wayne Cordes; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held March 16, 1996 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca with Rev. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Casket bearers were Julie Brown, Richard Brown, Alan Cordes, Kent Craney, Patrick Craney and Wray Carroll.