

Grace Carter, 99

June 1, 1905 - June 18, 2004

MANNING – Grace Edna, daughter of Norman and Viola (Dowd) Goodwin, was born June 1, 1905, north of Waverly. She grew up near the county line of Bremer County south of Nashua, where she attended country school. After completing her schooling, she helped her father on the farm and worked as a housekeeper. In March of 1925, she moved to the Defiance area where she worked as a housekeeper in the home of her longtime pen pal, Orville Carter, to care for his mother.

June 23, 1925, Grace married Orville Carter at Harlan. Four children were born to this union. The family lived on a farm south of Defiance until 1940 when they moved to a farm five miles south of Manning. They retired in 1961 and moved into Manning to the home on Fourth Street they had purchased several years before. Orville died in January of 1980 and Grace continued to live in their home with the support of her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Grace fell in her home in February of 2004 after which her health began to deteriorate. Later she entered Manning Regional Healthcare Center where she died June 18, 2004, at age 99 years and 17 days.

Preceding Grace in death are her husband; parents; two sons, Ival 'Dean' and Gailen Carter; four sisters, Mabel as a child, Hazel Reed, Myrtle Floden, Maude Morris and Delphine Goodwin; and brother, Jessie Goodwin. She is survived by her daughter, Leota (Beal) Austin of Des Moines; son, Merlin Carter (Arlene) of Manning; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 22, 2004, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manning, with Pastor Curtis Denney of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Atlantic officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were Steven Austin, Sr., Daniel Folkers, Steven Austin, Jr., Wade Reikofski, Jerry Carter and Ron Preul.