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## Hattie Johannsen, 95

*May 12, 1907 - Oct. 12, 2002*

**AVOCA** - Hattie Irene Johannsen was born May 12, 1907, on a farm near Avoca the daughter of Herman and Tena Berge Dittmer. She was one of two children to the Dittmer family. She attended country school and graduated with the class of 1926 from Avoca High School. Hattie, her sister, Wilhelmenia, and her father were musically talented, formed a band and played at social events in the area.

Hattie married Grant Johannsen Jan. 26, 1928. They were the parents of two children, Don and Esther. They farmed all of their lives in the Avoca area. Farming was Hattie's interest and remained quite active until her health began to fail. She died at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center Oct. 12, 2002, at age 95 years and five months.

Hattie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Grant; and sister, Wilhelmenia Christensen. She is survived by her son, Don Johannsen (Margaret) of Avoca; her daughter, Esther (Phil) Updike of Red Oak; her grandchildren, Christie (Ron) Kawaler of Winnipeg, Canada; Clay Johannsen (Trudy) of Avoca; Leslie (Brad) Thomas of Summerfield, NC; Pat Updike of Red Oak; Pete Updike (Dana) of Cincinnati, OH; and Richard Updike (Angela) of Bellevue, IL; 10 great grandchildren; niece, Nadine Lyons of Council Bluffs; nephew, Clark Christensen of Virginia Beach, VA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15, 2002, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Gene Sornsen and Wayne Krohn. Casket bearers were Clay Johannsen, Ron Kawaler, Pat Updike, Pete Updike, Richard Updike and Dean Krohn.