

Iona Koos, 92

June 28, 1916 - March 11, 2009

WALNUT — Iona Verlee Koos was born on June 28, 1916, to Joseph and Mary (Custer) Noble in Kirkman. She graduated with the Class of 1933 from Harlan High School.

March 11, 1936, she was united in marriage to Ervin J. J. Koos in Walnut. Three children were born to this union: David, Karen, and Kathleen. Iona and Ervin farmed together for forty-four years, the last thirty years spent on the family farm south of Shelby. They retired from farming in 1980 and in 1996 made their home at Peace Haven in Walnut. After the death of her husband on September 2, 2004, Iona continued to reside at Peace Haven where she lived for twelve years. Iona kept busy with her children, serving as a 4-H leader and on the Pottawattamie County 4-H committee. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and held most offices of the Women's Auxiliary. She served as Matron of the Eastern Star organization, was an honorary member of Myrtue Hospital's Auxiliary, having served as a board member, and was past president of Iowa Association of Conservation District Commissioner's Auxiliary. Iona found time to bake her "world famous" chocolate chip cookies and had a real stinker of a collection. What else do you call hundreds of skunks? She was an avid game player: games, cards, but especially Scrabble. Iona died on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, having attained the age of ninety-two years, eight months, and eleven days.

Iona was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son-in-law Jon Kasner, brother Harry, and sisters Orpha, Mae, and Lotus. She is survived by her children: David Koos and his wife Kay of Chandler, AZ, Karen Kasner of Crofton, MD, and Kathleen and her husband Larry Kock of Walnut; eight grandchildren: Jon Kasner, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Poolsville, MD, Nancy Kasner of Gaithersburg, MD, Matt Kasner and his wife Jeanne of Crofton, MD, Tom Koos and his wife Debbie of Coto de Caza, CA, Todd Koos and his wife Raquel of Pineville, NC, Katie (Kock) and her husband Bryan Wright of Omaha, NE, Charles Kock and his wife Sarah of Walnut, and Chris Kock of Sacramento, CA; sixteen great-grandchildren: Kevin, Michael, Stephanie, Colin, Timothy, Ryan and Jon Kasner; Ashley, Kyle, Trevor, Caris, McKenzie, and Joshua Koos; Emma and Megan Kock; and Isaac Wright; other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday,



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March 14, 2009 with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating the 2:30 PM service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Casket bearers were Matt Kasner, Jon Kasner, Jr., Chris Kock, Todd Koos, Charles Kock, and Tom Koos. Interment was held at the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut.

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