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## Laura Grace Hoover, 91

*Oct. 22, 1913 - Oct. 25, 2004*

**ANITA** — Laura Grace Hoover, daughter of Herman E. and Amelia K. Brockman Alff, was born Oct. 22, 1913, at their home near Hancock, in Pottawattamie County. She was baptized and confirmed at the Oakland Lutheran Church. She later became a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Anita. She attended rural school near Hancock where she graduated from the eighth grade. She worked at many different jobs as a waitress and caretaker of elderly people.

July 6, 1944, Laura married Harry R. Golson and March 8, 1950 a son, Gary, was born. The marriage was dissolved in 1951.

Oct. 22, 1955, she married Melvin Hoover and lived in Harlan, where she worked as a waitress. Due to health reasons, this marriage was dissolved in 1957. Because of her health, she was placed in health care facilities most of her remaining years. She died Oct. 25, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Anita, where she resided, at age 91 years and three days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers, Carl Alff, Theodore Alff, Herman Alff, Reinhold Alff, Max Alff, John Alff and Henry Alff; three sisters, Mary Castle, Clara Krakau and Lydia Willms. She is survived by her son, Gary Golson (Lorna) of New London; two granddaughters, Kimberly O'Neal (David) of Lawrenceville, NJ and Kelly Golson of Ankeny; one great-granddaughter, Shannon Emily O'Neal; one sister, Adah Johnson; and one sister-in-law, Harriet Alff, both of Anita; nieces, nephews and other family.

Services were held Oct. 30, 2004, at Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic, with Rev. George Krengel officiating from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Anita. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery.