

Elsie Horst, 88

March 19, 1923 - May 10, 2011

AVOCA — Elsie Evelyn Horst was born March 19, 1923 in Defiance to Goldie Eastergard (Rust, McGee) and Anton Eastergard. She grew up around Audubon County and graduated in 1940 from Exira High School.

Elsie married Frank Horst in 1940. Two daughters were born to this union: Sandra Jean and Janice Marie. In her younger years, Elsie enjoyed bowling, fishing, quilting and gardening. She enjoyed garage sales, crafts and setting up for flea markets. She was an avid reader, button collector and enjoyed antiques. She was known for her "green thumb" and was an excellent cook. Elsie lived her married life in



Avoca. She was a member of Friends of Avoca Historical Society and the American Legion. She attended United Church of Christ Church in Harlan. Over the years, she worked as secretary for the Avoca Journal Herald, waitress and bartender. Frank died in September of 1984 and Elsie continued to live in Avoca until 1993 when she moved to Harlan. After only three months, she suffered the loss of most of her possessions in the 1993 flood. At that time, she moved to the Regency Apartments in Harlan and lived there until 2009 at which time she moved to LeClaire because of health problems. The last nine months of her life were spent at St. Mary's Healthcare Center in Davenport where she enjoyed playing bingo with the other residents. Elsie died at St. Mary's Healthcare Center in Davenport on May 10, 2011 having attained the age of eighty-eight years, one month and twenty-one days.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; mother, Goldie McGee; father, Anton Eastergard; two sisters, Mette Bishop and Neoma Barker and son-in-law, Lon Whelan. She is survived by two daughters: Sandra Bannick and her husband Richard Bannick of Princeton and Janice Whelan of Osceola, MO; six grandchildren: Kevin Kobs, Keith Kobs, Kim Kobs, Kathy McTwiggan, Michelle Cole and Deborah Rutledge; eight great grandchildren: April Powers, Blake Starnes, Derek Daufeldt, Mikayla Kobs, Aaron Kobs, Austin Kobs, Heather McTwiggan, and Sarah McTwiggan; three great, great grandchildren: Ellie Powers, Isabella Powers and Alex Powers; brother Anton Eastergard, Jr. of Sun City, CA; cousins; and nieces and nephews.

Pastor Donna Ewert officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, Iowa. Honorary casket bearers were Lon Whel-

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an and Anton Eastergard, Jr. Serving as casket bearers were Richard Bishop, Gary Madden, Dick Bannick, Kevin Kobs, Dan Cole, and Keith Kobs. Interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

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