

Bernice H. Larson, 86

Nov. 4, 1910 - Jan. 14, 1997

WALNUT - Bernice Helen Larson was born in Walnut Nov. 4, 1910, daughter of Rudolph and Augusta Bees Lafrentz. She was one of five children born to this union. She attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1927. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Drake College in Des Moines. She taught school in Guthrie Center and Carson until returning to Walnut in 1946.

She married Howard Larson and they were the parents of one daughter, Donna. She taught in the elementary department until 1975, when she retired. She had received her 39 years teachers pin. She was the organist in the Peace United Church of Christ for many years until her eyesight began to fail. She was a member of the Peace Church and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She died Jan. 14, 1997, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, following a sudden illness at age 86 years, two months and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harold and an infant brother, and two sisters, Florence Lafrentz and Vernetta Sharp. She is survived by her nephew, Robert Lafrentz (LaDonna) of Walnut; four great nieces, Mrs. Brent (Diane) Petersen, Mrs. Max (Debra) Petersen, Mrs. Dion (Dona) Grooms and Doreen Sue Lafrentz, besides other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 1997, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Max Petersen, Dion Grooms, Melissa Petersen, Robert Greenwall, Brent Petersen, Ashley Grooms, Ryan Troll and Dannie Holtz. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.