

## **Juanita Lorenzen, 96**

*Nov. 22, 1903 – Sept. 12, 2000*

**WALNUT** – Juanita Margaret Lorenzen was born Nov. 22, 1903, northeast of Walnut, in Pottawattamie County, daughter of Bertha Karstens Dreyer and Fred Dreyer. She was one of five children born into the family. She attended school at the Monroe School No. 1 in Shelby County.

She married Carl Lorenzen Jan. 2, 1924, in Harlan. They were the parents of four children. She was a homemaker and worked at Peace Haven Retirement Home prior to her and Carl moving there in 1978. Carl died March 9, 1983. For 18 years Juanita and Ardelle were keepers of the doors at Peace Haven. Juanita was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut and the Women's Fellowship of the Church. She died Sept. 12, 2000, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 96 years, nine months and 20 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; and her brother, Norman. She is survived by her children, LaVon Becht of Burbank, CA; Stanley Lorenzen (Norma Jean) of Berwick, IL; Ardelle Lorenzen of Walnut and Janet Eslick of Fort Collins, CO; eight grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Martin of Atlantic and Myrna Hanna of Davis CA; a brother, Martin Dreyer (Minnie) of Oakland; and a sister-in-law, Luelia Dreyer of Villisca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15, 2000, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry D. Lorenzen, Larry Lorenzen, Gary Lorenzen, Roger Dreyer, Greg Eslick and Ed Namanny. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.