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Dorothy M. Sorensen, 82

March 3, 1922 - March 29, 2004

WEST BRANCH – Dorothy M. Sorensen, the daughter of Percy and Hazel (Dewey) Blair, was born March 3, 1922, in Harlan. She graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1939.

Jan. 18, 1941, she married Herbert Sorensen, moving to West Branch, where the couple lived all their married lives. Dorothy was a 50-year member of the West Branch American Legion Auxiliary. She died March 29, 2004, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Herb. She is survived by her children, Spencer Sorensen (Marsha) of California; Linda Kessler of Iowa City; Cindy Sorensen of Colorado; Don Sorensen (Suzy) of Davenport; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie and Angela Sorensen; Lisa Kessler and her friend, Todd Boswell; Amy Lynch and her husband, Larry; and Mike Kessler; Jesse and Bryce of Colorado; Johnny; step grandchildren, Amber and Mike; five great grandchildren, Tessa and Garrett Lynch and Joey, Brittney and Alex Kessler; two sisters, Arletha Hockett (Jim) of Tennant and Lois Schmidt (Duane) of Audubon; and brother, Bob Blair (Lois) of Council Bluffs.

A Celebration of Life graveside service was held March 31, 2004, at the West Branch Cemetery with a private memorial service to be held at a later date.

