

## Velma L. Watson, 78

Dec. 19, 1917 - May 9, 1996 ✓

**PERSIA** - Velma Lucille Harmsen Watson, daughter of Fred X. and Bertha E. (Hamann) Harmsen, was born Dec. 19, 1917 at Persia. She attended school in Persia, graduating with the class of 1934. After high school, she took a business course at Commercial Extension in Omaha.

May 1, 1937 she married her high school sweetheart, Milton A. Watson, at the parsonage in Logan. To this union two children were born. He was teaching school at the time of their marriage. They later went to live on the farm where they lived until they retired. She was a homemaker for 59 years and was very active in the First United Methodist Church in Persia. She was a member of the United Methodist Women holding several offices, including president and treasurer. In 1986 she received her 50 year pin from United Methodist Women. She died at her home in Persia May 9, 1996 at age 78 years, four months and 20 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Clifford. Surviving are her husband, Milton Watson of Persia; her son, Larry Watson (Carol) of Persia; her daughter, Lynette (Marvin) Dvorak of Omaha; seven grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 11, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church in Persia with Pastor Walt Bernard officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia with Jacquelyn deGroot, Sue Handbury, Jennifer Watson, Rebecca Watson, Meghan Dvorak and Barbara Carter honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were A. Willem deGroot, David Dvorak, Kent Flerchinger, Jay Handbury, Robert Bradley and Shawn Carter. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.