

## Claire Rossmann Walter, 99

*July 24, 1908 - Sept. 25, 2007*

**WALNUT** — Claire Lenore Walter, daughter of Eugene E. and Lenore (Stinger) Mickel, was born July 24, 1908 in Walnut. She attended school in Walnut and graduated from Walnut High School. After graduation she taught rural school for three years and then taught third and fourth grades in Minden, for two years.

Claire married Wilbert Rossmann June 29, 1932, at the Evangelical Lutheran Parsonage in Walnut. After their marriage, they moved to a farm north of Walnut. Their son, Jack, was born Dec. 4, 1936. They purchased a farm near Corley in 1936 and moved into the farmhouse in 1937. In 1954, Jack graduated from high school in Harlan, and attended Iowa State in Ames. It was then, in 1965, that Claire went back to teaching. She taught Title 1 reading, a special program set up by the government, in the Harlan Community School System and remained there for eight years. After Wilbert's death in September of 1984, Claire moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home. While living at Peace Haven she met Harry Walter. They were married Feb. 14, 1987. Harry died in August of 1987. Claire died at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, Sept. 25, 2007, at age 99 years, two months and one day.

Claire was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Wilbert and Harry; one brother, Fred Mickel; and four sisters, Gladys Fell, Aletha Paulsen, Irene Norton and Maine Larsen. Survivors include her son, Jack Rossmann (Marty) of St. Paul, MN; three grandchildren, Ann Rossmann of Lakeville, MN; Sarah (Fred) Deschamps of St. Paul, MN and Charles Rossmann (Kathleen) of Birmingham, AL; great grandson, Ramsey Rossmann; three great-granddaughters, Emma and Lily Deschamps, and Carmen Rossmann; nieces, nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 2007, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Burial was in Layton Township Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dan Riessen, Fred Deschamps, Greg Boysen, John Hamilton, Bruce Jensen and James Petersen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.