

## Dorothy Watson, 96

*Oct. 17, 1906 - March 18, 2003*

**HANCOCK** – Dorothy Celeste Watson was born Oct. 17, 1906, at Hancock, the eldest daughter of John W. and Mary Hardy King. She graduated from Hancock High School and then attended Iowa State College at Ames and Simpson College at Indianola, where she graduated with a degree in Home Economics and minors in English and science. After graduating, she spent seven years teaching in northern Iowa and then returned to Hancock to teach in 1941.

In 1942, she married Sgt. Charles Watson of Jamestown, NY. She took leave from teaching in 1945 for the birth of twins, Mary Elizabeth and John Charles. She returned to teaching in 1947 and continued until 1972. She taught at Hancock, Wiota, Minden and Underwood. During her teaching career she attended the University of Omaha where she earned a Masters of Science degree in 1957. In addition to teaching, her activities included 4-H leader of Valley Happy Healthful Honest Hustlers and the Hancock Happy Hoppers, president of AvoHa PTA and served as camp counselor at Botna Bend Park and YMCA winter camp. Dorothy died March 18, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, MO, at age 96 years, five months and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles; a brother, Wendell King; two nephews, John W. King and Richard King Henry; and two brothers-in-law, Grant Henry and James Stinehart. She is survived by her children, John Watson of St. Louis, MO and Mary Daugherty (Jim) of Manchester, MO; three grandchildren, Michelle Kriete (Scott); Sean Daugherty (Gayla) and Anthony Daugherty; two great grandchildren, Alexis and William Kriete; brother, Wylie King (Grace) of Hancock; sister, Muriel Henry Stinehart of Fort Dodge; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2003, at the Pauley Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca, with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Anthony Daugherty, Sean Daugherty, James Daugherty, Scott Kriete, Steve Guyer and Wayne Nelsen. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.