

## Loena Bargaenquast, 95

*Dec. 28, 1907 - Jan. 3, 2003*

**WALNUT CREEK, CA** – Loena Evelyn Andrew Bargaenquast was born in Stuart, Dec. 28, 1907. She lived with her mother and sister, Thelma, at her grandmother, Nannie Jane Presson's Boarding House in Stuart. She helped her grandmother with the many chores entailed with running a boarding house. She also worked at the telephone office in Stuart.

Jan. 23, 1932, she married Detlef (Dave) Bargaenquast at Grant City, MO. To this union six children were born, Donald Detlef, Raymond LaVerne, Beverly Jane, Mary Louise and the twins, Jimmy Lee and Joyce Elaine. The family lived in Defiance for many years and all of the children graduated from Irwin Community School. After Detlef died Nov. 25, 1963, she moved to California to make her home with Beverly and family. She remained in California except for occasional visits to the midwest and spent two years in Freeport, Bahamas, caring for her two nephews. She remained in fairly good health except for arthritis in her later years. Dec. 28, 2002, Loena celebrated her 95th birthday with many family members present. Dec. 31, 2002, she was admitted to the hospital and died Jan. 3, 2003, with family members by her side, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Detlef; a son, Donald Detlef; two grandsons, Randall Ray and Timothy LaVerne; her parents; her sister, Thelma; two stepbrothers, Frank and Verne; and a stepsister, Ruby. She is survived by her children, Ray (Florence) Bargaenquast of Omaha, NE; Beverly Olson of Walnut Creek, CA; Mary Fickel of Urbandale; Jimmy (Diane) Bargaenquast of Athens, LA; Joyce (Jack) of Sun Lakes, AZ; 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren; a stepsister, Mildred Hilgerson of Sweet Home, OR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2003, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla, with Dr. Eric Bruster officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were David Olson, Eric Olson, Ronald Fickel, Bill Dawes, Seth McDonald, Scott Bargaenquast, Jeremy Dixon, Jimmy Bargaenquast, Jr., and John Voight.