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Joyce Blumer, 77

Aug. 14, 1926 - Oct. 21, 2003

SHELBY – Joyce Helen Blumer was born Aug. 14, 1926, in Shelby, daughter of James and Gladys Slaughter Evans, and was an only child. She attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1944.

Joyce married Allen Curtis Blumer June 8, 1945, in Clarinda. They were the parents of three children, Steven, Douglass and Sheila. They farmed most of their lives. Allen died May 10, 2002, and Joyce remained in her home in Shelby as long as her health permitted. She was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church. She died Oct. 21, 2003, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 77 years, two months and seven days.

Her parents; her son, Steven, who died in infancy; and her husband, Allen, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, Doug, and by her daughter, Sheila (Ron) Kroll, all of Shelby; three granddaughters, Staci (Tim) Ploen of Minden; Renae (Jesse) Lee of Urbandale; and Ashley Kroll of Shelby; and by twin great granddaughters, Kelsey and Kaitlin Ploen of Minden; and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Oct. 24, 2003, at the Shelby Cemetery with Pastor Dale Jenson officiating. Casket bearers were Robert Plagman, Delmar VonEschen, Jesse Lee, Keith Dahir, Tim Ploen and Todd Denton. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.