

Dorothea Anna Ham, 91

Sept. 28, 1908 – Jan. 27, 2000

MANILLA – Dorothea Anna, daughter of Henry G. and Anna C. Wendt Bargaquast, was born Sept. 28, 1908, at Manilla. She attended school in Manilla.

April 9, 1927, she married Hollie H. Ham at the Lutheran Parsonage in Carroll. Four children were born to this union. She traveled with her husband while he worked on road construction. After the birth of their first son, the family made their life long home in Manilla. Her husband died in 1987, and she continued to live in their home where they had lived since 1941. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Manilla, Ladies Aid Society and Priscilla Guild. She was an active member of American Legion Auxillary, Unit 132, and Past President's Parley. She reported for the *Manilla Times* for nearly 50 years. Due to failing health, she moved to her daughter's home in Ames, in January of 1997, and then became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in October of 1998. As her health began to fail she entered the Manning Regional Healthcare Center and died there Jan. 27, 2000, at age 91 years, three months and 30 days.

Besides her husband, Dorothea is preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Henry, Earl, Alvin, Donald (Sonny), Arnold and Alfred (Barney) Bargaquast; one sister, Helen Bargaquast; and a great granddaughter, Rachel CuAnn Williams. She is survived by two daughters, Ina Mae Couture of Ames and Shirley Ann Hartman of Ankeny; two sons, Donald Deane Ham (Janice) of Boise, ID and Hollie Ham Jr. (Selma) of Olathe, KS; 17 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; one sister, Arlyne (Floyd) Kisling of Dietrich, ID; an aunt, Helen Wetzel of the Manilla Manor; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Manilla, with Pastor Timothy Geitz officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery near Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were her grandsons, Tody Spain and David Ham. Casket bearers were her grandsons, Stephen Couture, Michael Couture, James Couture, Hollie Ham III, Lawrence Couture, Thomas Couture, John Couture and Kenneth Ham.