

Harlan 3rd Paper
Alta Hansen, 94



Jan. 3, 1920 - Sept. 22, 2014

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Alta

Berniece Hansen was born on January 3, 1920 to Rudolph and Elfrieda (Jacobsen) Hamdorf in Fairview Township near Corley. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended country school at Fairview Township No. 4 and worked as a waitress in a Harlan restaurant and at a radio manufacturing firm in Council Bluffs, before marriage.

September 19, 1945, Alta was united in marriage to Dewey Hansen in Council Bluffs. They became parents to four children: James, Vernon, Darrell, and Nadine. She enjoyed being a farm wife and raising her children on the farm where her husband had grown up. Alta started decorating cakes as a hobby beginning with birthday cakes for family members and progressing to elaborate wedding cakes. She was very creative and artistic and did lots of sewing, handiwork, and painting with oils and water colors. Before her husband's death in 2007, Alta and Dewey enjoyed going to dances in Corley and Avoca. Alta died on Monday, September 22, 2014 at Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs, having attained the age of ninety-four years, eight months, and nineteen days.

Alta was preceded in death by her parents Rudolph and Elfrieda; her husband Dewey; granddaughter Amanda Dexter; step-grandson Tylor Toyne; sister Orlene Scott; and brothers Orville "Bud" Hamdorf and Loraine "Skeet" Hamdorf. She is survived by her children: James Hansen and his wife Karen of Walnut, Vernon Hansen and his wife Lisa Martin-Hansen of Long Beach, CA, Darrell Hansen and his wife Lana of Harlan, and Nadine and her husband Nathan Dexter of Casper, WY; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; sister Wilma Throener of West Point, NE; brother Delner Hamdorf and his wife Bev of Morrison, CO; other family members and friends.

Pastor Eric Meissner officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Tiffany Siffring, Jade Brumbaugh, Maxwell Hansen, and Alycia Miller. Serving as casket bearers were Leland Dexter, Spenser Dexter, Kevin Hansen, Dustin Hansen, Ethan Dexter, Clayton Dexter, Philip Hansen, and Nathan Hansen. Burial was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.



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