

## Clara Jones, 91 ✓

*Feb. 19, 1914 - April 30, 2005*

**WALNUT** — Clara Olive Jones was born Feb. 19, 1914, to Glenn and Clara Canedy Babbitt in rural Lewis. Clara's mother died when she was two weeks old. She then was raised by an uncle and aunt, Miller and Lena Weak, near Emerson. Aunt Lena died when Clara was 11 years old. Clara continued to make her home with her uncle, whom she called "Pop". Clara graduated from eighth grade at West Oak School near Glenwood. She was a member and attended the Christian Church at Glenwood as a young girl. Clara was very active in 4-H. Clara also worked for many neighbors doing housework in the area when young.

Clara met Walter Jones at a neighborhood church gathering and they were married Feb. 27, 1933 in Omaha, NE. The young couple started their married life on a farm near Hastings. Clara and Walter were blessed with two children, a daughter, LaDonna, who died Dec. 20, 2000, and a son, Gerald. The family moved to the Marne area in 1936. This move allowed Clara to live closer to her father, Glenn, and her stepmother, Hazel, whom she always referred to as Mom. In 1945, they moved to the Walnut area and farmed for 45 years before retiring to an acreage nearby, where they resided until moving to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut in 2000. While living on their Walnut farm and at Peace Haven, they attended the Monroe Methodist Church. Walter and Clara moved to the Heritage House in Atlantic, in 2004 and it was there that she died April 30, 2005, at age 91 years, two months and 11 days.

Clara is survived by her husband of more than 70 years, Walter; her son, Gerald (Marilyn) Jones, of Flippen, AR; a son-in-law, Robert Lafrentz, of Walnut; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 11 step great-grandchildren, and one step great-great-grandchild; four sisters; Darlene (Clyde) Killion of Columbia, MO; Velma Boysen of Harlan; Hyla Nash of Atlantic; and Neva (Lee) Manz of Avoca; two brothers, Bill Babbitt (Maye) of Avoca and Dell Babbitt (Sharon) of Estes Park, CO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 3, 2005, at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Walnut Chapel, with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Casket bearers were Keith Namanny, Kreig Namanny, Kenny Namanny, Julianne Crews, Scott Jones, Kevin Namanny and Kerry Namanny. Burial was in the Monroe Township Cemetery in rural Walnut.