

Ella Margaret McClatchey, 95

Aug. 18, 1903 – Aug. 9, 1999

MANILLA – Ella Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Carolina Hass Lorenzen, was born Aug. 18, 1903, on a farm near Mapleton in Monona County. After several years Ella moved with her family to a farm near Castana where she attended rural schools. After her schooling, she helped in the fields, babysat and did housework for neighbors.

Dec. 5, 1923, she married John Gilman McClatchey at the Methodist Church in Sioux City. Nine children were born to this union. John worked for the Milwaukee Railroad at Grant Center for 43 years and Ella was a homemaker. They moved to Manilla in 1934. Ella and John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 5, 1973. John died July 12, 1980. She remained in her home until 1984 when she moved to the Manilla apartments. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the American Legion Auxiliary. Due to failing health, she became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in 1998. She suffered a stroke Aug. 8, 1999, and died the next day, Aug. 9, 1999, at Manning Regional Healthcare Center at age 95 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Besides her husband, Ella was preceded in death by her parents and children, Ronald Dean McClatchey, as a young child; Annabel Myhre, Carl J. McClatchey; Earl E. McClatchey; two grandchildren, Russell Bandow and Robert Bandow; two great grandchildren, Kelly Bandow and Jennifer Bandow; brothers and sisters, Earl and Carolina Lorenzen of the flu as youngsters; Arnold Lorenzen, Alvina Notethlich, Otto Lorenzen, Anna McClatchey and Irvea Lorenzen. She is survived by five children, Sylvia (Alvin) Bandow of Manilla; Gail McClatchey (Pat) of Banning, CA; Karen (George) Jahn of Gretna, NE; Shirley (Richard) Hanson of Irwin; Linda (Ron) Olson of DeWitt; 25 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; a sister, Elsie Lutes of Marshalltown; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, 1999, at the United Church of Manilla with Pastor Brian Sherman officiating. Burial was in the Grant Cemetery, Rodney. Honorary casket bearers were all of her granddaughters. Casket bearers were Randy Bandow, Rick Hanson, Rick Myhre, Jeff Doyle, Ron Bandow, Daryl Jahn, Joe Doyle, James McClatchey, Jim McClatchey, Troy Olson, Jack Doyle and John McClatchey. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.