

Dorothy Tryon, 86

Nov. 17, 1911 - April 13, 1998

GLIDDEN - Dorothy May Tryon, age 86, of Glidden, died at the Carroll Manor Nursing Home in Carroll, April 13, 1998, following a long illness. She had lived at the Carroll Manor for the past nine months. Dorothy was born Nov. 17, 1911, at Defiance, daughter of George and Hattie Miller Densmore.

She married Clarence Tryon May 30, 1930, at the Evangelical Church Parsonage in Defiance. As a young girl she attended and graduated from Defiance High School. The Tryons lived in the Defiance area and operated a hatchery there until the family moved to Glidden in 1944. The Tryons owned and operated the Glidden Hatchery and farmed for many years until retirement in 1979. She and Clarence were honored as Parents of the Year at Buena Vista College in 1964. She was a finalist for Iowa Mother of the Year in 1975. She was the author of a recent book entitled, "Where Have I Been". She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women of the Church, The Entre Nous Club, Eldeen Club, Open Door Club, Rosemary Club, Church Circle, Duplicate Bridge, and the Tuesday Bridge Club. After retirement, Clarence and Dorothy began the business, "Tryons Crafts" in which they made and sold handmade craft items. They continued this business until the present time.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence in 1995; and a son, Raymond, in 1991; and brothers, Forrest, Milton, George, Dean and Leo and an infant grandson, Scott Stevens. Surviving are nine children, Bill (Sally) of Dallas, TX; a son, Dale (Janet) of Ames; a son, Gaylord of West Des Moines; a son, Larry (Jan) of Ogden; a son, Jerry (Jerilyn) of Lake View; a daughter, Donna Stevens (Bruce) of Lake View; a son, Dick (Barbara) of Nevada; a son, Randy (Marjean) of Adel and a daughter, Nancy Watson (Warren) of Elk Horn; and a daughter-in-law, Maxine Tryon of Glidden; a brother, Don Densmore of Dunlap; and 33 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren. Also surviving is a cousin, Marj Rawstron of Carroll.

Funeral services were held April 17, 1998, at the Glidden United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Wilkinson officiating. Burial was in the Merle Hay Memorial Cemetery at Glidden. The casket bearers were her grandchildren, Sandy Gray, Jeff Tryon, Chad Stevens, Mike Tryon, Tim Tryon, Gwen Holden, Brett Watson, Dan Tryon, Todd Tryon and Tanner Tryon. Honorary casket bearers were the rest of the grandchildren. Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home, Glidden, in charge of arrangements.