



Minnie Esther Latcham

June 25, 1915 - October 8, 2007

Sigourney, Iowa

Visitation: Open after 10:00 AM with family present between the hours of 6:00 & 8:00 PM October 11, 2007 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Funeral Service: 10:00 O'clock AM October 12, 2007 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Minnie Esther Latcham was born June 25, 1915 in rural Cedar, Iowa, the daughter of George & Rachel Myers Ward. Minnie was raised & educated in Cedar & graduated from Cedar High School. She was a nursemaid for area families until her marriage to Reynolds Latcham January 1, 1938, after which she worked with her husband on the farm at Lancaster and lived for a short time in the Stony Point area near Sigourney before establishing their family farm near Hedrick in 1949.

Minnie drove a horse drawn school bus along with her siblings for Cedar Consolidated School. Mrs. Latcham was also employed as a cook for many years at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Ottumwa, Hedrick Schools, and St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa.

Mrs. Latcham is survived by her son Jim (Glenda) Latcham of Hedrick, daughter, Janet (Larry Gene) Riley of Cedar, 17 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren. Minnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Reynolds in 1974, a son Ward Latcham, three brothers, Frank, Joe & Edwin Ward, two sisters, Alice Goltry & May Cockefair, a grandson, Tim Hutton, and a great-great granddaughter, Makayla Duesenberry.

She was a longtime Farm Bureau Member and enjoyed crocheting and quilt making for her grandchildren. Her love of baking & bread making was transferred down to her family members.

Memorials may be made in her name to her family.