

DeVRIES, Della J. (Erickson)

February 4, 1908
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Della J. DeVries



Della J. DeVries, "Grandma Jake", was born February 4, 1908 on a farm near Centerville. Her parents were Joseph and Inga Erickson. She was joined by two brothers and three sisters. Their father died in 1915 and their mother in 1919. The children were raised by relatives and Della lived with the Oscar Austin family.

She married Jacob DeVries on January 17, 1926 and they

farmed in the Davis, Irene, Hooker, and Viborg areas. They retired in 1965 and moved into Viborg. Della then worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a cook for 15 years. She moved to Pioneer Villa in 1998 and then to the nursing home in December, 2001. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid where she took part in many activities including the annual sewing and quilting days.

Della passed away on April 6, 2002 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. She had attained the age of 94.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jake in 1993, daughter Elaine Larsen in January, 2002, grandsons Allan DeVries in 1969 and Roger Larsen in February, 2002, 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Della is survived by her son Darwin (Doris), Viborg; son-in-law Maynard Larsen, Viborg; grandchildren Roxanne (Carlton) Phillips, Sioux Falls, Steve DeVries, Pierre, David (Roxie) DeVries, Mitchell, Mike (Jaime) DeVries, Chester, Laurie Gilmore, Sioux Falls; 11 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren;

brother Joseph (Eva) Erickson, Centerville; sister Judith Mork, Viborg; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating. The organist was Karen Freier and special music was by Alan, Gary and Ethel Ward.

Pallbearers were Steve DeVries, David DeVries, Mike DeVries, Carlton Phillips, Lloyd Mork, Danny Dangel, and Nik Larsen. Interment was at Bethania Cemetery, Viborg.