



Velma D. Ernst

July 24, 1912 - November 29, 2006

Velma Dorothea (Kruse) Ernst, age 94, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, November 29, 2006, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra, IL.

She was born July 24, 1912, in New Douglas, IL., the daughter of Adolph and Amanda (Hemann) Kruse. As a young lady she helped with families in their home.

On February 26, 1935, she married Lawrence W. Ernst, who passed away December 19, 1999. After marriage she and her husband farmed (dairy, grain, livestock) in an area bounded by Leef, Alhambra, Saline and Marine Townships. They retired at age 65 but continued to live on the farm. She moved first to Highland Home, then to Hitz Home in the late 1990's. She enjoyed quilting and also bowled at Grantfork for many years. A member of Grantfork UCC, Women's Guild @ church, and Madison County Home Bureau. She was a member of Grantfork United Church of Christ, Grantfork, IL. She was also a member of Women's Guild @ church; Madison County Home Bureau.

Survivors include Son-Kenneth E. (Judith A.) Ernst of Highland, Ill., Son-Larry D. (Vicki L.) Ernst of Breese, Ill., Daughter-Ruth Ann Ernst of Dallas, Texas, Grandchild-Todd A. (Sheri) Ernst of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Michele "Shelly" L. (Joe) Dale of Washington, Mo., Grandchild-Greg S. (Chris) Ernst

of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Chad J. (Richelle) Ernst of Alhambra, Ill., Grandchild-Tory J. Ernst of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Cara M. (Matt) Gelly of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Corey C. (fiancee- Erin McInerney) Ernst of Independence, Mo., Grandchild-Nikki D. Ernst of Houston, Texas, G-Grandchild-Jared T. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Katie J. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Meggie A. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Mathew C. Dale of St. Louis, Mo., G-Grandchild-Courtney R. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Taylor Ernst of Alhambra, Ill., G-Grandchild-Andrew S. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Kyle S. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Aubrey E. Dale of St. Louis, Mo., G-Grandchild-Chelsey R. Ernst of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Cami B. Ernst of Alhambra, Ill., G-Grandchild-Kenzie Gelly of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Blake Ernst of Alhambra, Ill., G-Grandchild-Lexa Gelly of Highland, Ill., GG-Grandchild-Hailey Richter, Sister-Delores Schoen of Mt. Olive, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Verna Kruse of Mt. Olive, Ill., Sister-In-Law-Ruth Kruse of Mt. Olive, Ill.

She was preceded in death by Father-Adolph Kruse, Mother-Amanda (Hemann) Kruse, Husband-Lawrence W. Ernst (died 12/19/99), Brother-Eldred Kruse

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.