

## IRENE SHOEMAKER

ALMA CENTER – Irene May Shoemaker, 85, of Alma Center, died Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Family Heritage Nursing Home in Black River Falls.

Irene was born January 21, 1929 in Merrilan to Addison and Florence (Simonson) Burlingame. She graduated from Merrilan High School.

On August 17, 1948 Irene married Clyde Shoemaker in Merrilan. Together they farmed in the Hixton area before buying a farm and moving to the Alma Center area where they spent the rest of their lives. For a number of years, Irene did house cleaning for many area families. Clyde preceded her in death in March 25, 1998

Irene always enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Alma Center American Legion Post 162 Auxiliary.

Irene is survived by her children, Teresa Johnson of Alma Center, Randy (Ann) Shoemaker of Story City, IA, Dawn Larson of Alma Center and Kim Shoemaker of Jeffersonville, IN; 13 grandchildren, Jennifer (Dallas) Jelinek, Duane (Julie) Johnson, Pamela (Daniel) Gearing, Penny (Kevin) Eddy, Lorie (Richard) Lamp, Jessica Shoemaker, Marshall (Erin) Shoemaker, Logan (Jasper) Shoemaker, Mark (Todd) Larson, Terry (Mark) Aleson, Toni Larson (fiancé Tom), and Jody Larson; 39 great grandchildren and 30 great-great grandchildren. She is further survived by 2 brothers Jerry (Ilona) Burlingame of Marshfield and Keith (Sandra) Burlingame of Chetek and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her husband Clyde, Irene was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter Vicky; one great grandson Christopher; one sister Dorothy Taylor-Smith; 2 brothers, Lyle Burlingame and Roy Burlingame; 2 sons-in-law, Irwin Johnson and Jon Larson.

Funeral services for Irene will be 11:00 AM, Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Alma Center United Methodist Church with Rev. Kathy Jury officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery in Alma Center.

Friends may call from 5-8 PM on Wednesday at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home in Hixton. Friends may also call from 10:00 AM until the time of services at the church on Thursday.

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