



Esther Utesch

July 28, 1916 - September 10, 2013

Esther M. "Es" Utesch (1916-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- Esther M. "Es" Utesch, 97, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Merville, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at Maple Manor Village in Aplington.

She was born July 28, 1916, in Danbury, Iowa, daughter of Lewis and Elsie (Prye) Swanger. She married Walter Gehrts on May 1, 1935 in Correctionville, Iowa, and they later divorced. She married Harry Utesch on January 11, 1956 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He died June 25, 1993.

She worked at City Laundry in Long Beach, California, MHI in Cherokee, Iowa, C & J Market in Merville, Iowa, and Stockman's in Sioux City, Iowa, retiring in 1981. Her lifetime was spent caring for family and friends.

Survived by: a daughter, Shirley (Jerry) Fogleman of Cedar Falls; a stepson, Jim (Mary Jo) Utesch of Merville, IA; stepdaughter, Carol (Bob) Logan of Merville; a sister-in-law, Velma Swanger of California; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Irene Pfalzgraf; brothers, Robert Swanger,

Harold Swanger; brother-in-law, Charley Pfalzgraf; sister-in-law, Velrene Swanger; and grandson, Greg Fogleman.

Services will be held at a later date with inurnment in Arlington Cemetery, Merville, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to Opportunity Village (PO Box 622, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428).