

### LEAH W. "MINNIE" MAAS

Leah W. "Minnie" Maas, 101, of Williamsburg, died Saturday, July 20, 2013, at Highland Ridge Care Center, Williamsburg. Funeral Services were Friday, July 26 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Williamsburg with Rev. Carl Cloeter officiating. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Homestead. Memorials may be contributed to Lutheran Interparish Schools, Williamsburg. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is in charge of arrangements.

Minnie is survived by her daughters, Lillian Mae Ficken (Bill) of Cedar Rapids, and Kathleen Ann Gable (Gary) of Snohomish, WA; five grandchildren, Gary Ficken (Sally) of Cedar Rapids, Debbie Bills (Bill) of Cedar Rapids, Gary Brian Gable (Jill) of Boise, ID, Lisa Gable of Snohomish, WA, and Laura Gable Tufts (Joshua) of Seattle, WA.; and great-grandchildren, Brittany Ficken, Mad-die Ficken, Sophie Ficken, Megan Bills, David Bills, Nick Gable, Britton Gable, Anna Gable, Brayden Ballman, Amalia Tufts, and Cade Tufts. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Bohstedt of Williamsburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her siblings, Esther, Marie, Walter, Mabel, Carl, George, Henry, Florence and Ella.

Leah Wilhelmina Behrens was born May 25, 1912 in Deep River,, the daughter of William and Mary Rank Behrens. She graduated from Deep River High School in 1929 and received her teaching degree from Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls. She was united in marriage to Erwin John Maas on August 3, 1933 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Victor. Minnie worked at Killian's Department Store in Cedar Rapids as a clerk and model. She assisted her husband on the farm while raising her daughters. She later worked at Ben Franklin as a store clerk, and a secretary at Maas Real Estate and Schantz Basket and Broom Shop in West Amana.

Minnie was active in her community, always willing to help others. She served as a 4-H leader for 2 years, was treasurer of Ladies Aid at St. John's in Homestead, and later was treasurer for St. Paul Ladies Guild in Williamsburg. She also was a reader to preschool children. Minnie enjoyed needlework, embroidering dresser scarves for relatives and friends, and made quilts, one for every grandchild. She enjoyed her friends and played bridge until a month prior to moving to the nursing home.

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