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She was born Feb. 6, 1916, in Sheridan Township to Ben Edward and Martha Adele Neville Baustian. She was raised in Sheridan Township and attended rural school. In 1933 she graduated from Malcom High School and later attended the former Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls. She taught rural school in Sheridan Township and in the Malcom school system. She later worked for Grinnell College and for many years was a cashier for the former Poweshiek County National Bank, retiring in 1978.

On Oct. 27, 1951, she was married to Walter Hanssen in Malcom. The couple lived in the Malcom area and operated a grain and livestock farm. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Malcom Study Club.

She is survived by one brother George Baustian of Malcom and two nieces, Denise Baustian of Grinnell and Char Weuve of Cedar Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Muriel Baustian.

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