



**WILMA L. CROSSON**

Wilma L. Crosson, 98, of Brooklyn, died Dec. 18, at Brooklyn Community Estate. Services were Dec. 22 at Grace Methodist Church, Brooklyn. Burial was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Wilma Louise Dye was born Sept. 14, 1914, in Eddyville, the daughter of Barney and Maude Johnson Dye. She and her husband-to-be, Jack were born a week apart, graduated together from Eddyville High School in 1932 and were married on New Year's Eve 1933. Their honeymoon consisted of borrowing a car and driving to Oskaloosa to see the movie, "Meet the Baron." In 1941,

Wilma and Jack moved to Des Moines, where he attended pharmacy school at Drake University. She worked at the munitions plant in Ankeny during World War II. After the war, both Jack and Wilma worked at Matthews Drug Store in Grinnell.

From 1945 through 1988 Jack and Wilma formed an inseparable team in operating Crosson Rexall Drug in Brooklyn. While Jack filled prescriptions, Wilma was always out front, welcoming customers, serving sodas and distributing a few opinions.

She is survived by two children, David Crosson and wife Natalie Hala of San Francisco, Calif., and Carolyn Rathjen and husband Roger of Williamsburg; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, Cain, Mac, Macie and Rian Crosson, Emerson and Jasper Davis, and Corbin Crosson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jack P. Crosson, and a sister Glenna Blier.

**OBITUARIES**

12-26-2012

**Wilma L. Crosson, 98**

Wilma L. Crosson, age 98, of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, at Brooklyn Community Estate, Brooklyn. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Burial was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is in charge of arrangements.



She is survived by two children, David Crosson and wife, Natalie Hala, of San Francisco, Calif., and Carolyn Rathjen and husband, Roger, of Williamsburg; five grandchildren, Randy Rhinehart of Milton, Fla., Kyle (Jessica) Rhinehart of West Des Moines, Trevor (Kris) Crosson of Des Moines, Elizabeth (Robert) Davis of Minneapolis, Minn., and Jacob Crosson of Atlanta, Ga.; and seven great-grandchildren, Cain, Mac, Macie and Rian Crosson, Emerson and Jasper Davis, and Corbin Crosson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jack P. Crosson; and a sister, Glenna Blier.

Wilma Louise Dye was born Sept. 14, 1914, in Eddyville, the daughter of Barney and Maude Johnson Dye. She and Jack were born a week apart, graduated together from Eddyville High School in 1932, and were married on New Year's Eve 1933. Their honeymoon consisted of borrowing a car and driving to Oskaloosa to see the movie, "Meet the Baron." In 1941, Wilma and Jack moved to Des Moines, where he attended pharmacy school at Drake University. She worked at the munitions plant in Ankeny during World War II. After the war, both Jack and Wilma worked at Matthews Drug Store in Grinnell. From 1945 through 1988, Jack and Wilma formed an inseparable team in operating Crosson Rexall Drug in Brooklyn. While Jack filled prescriptions, Wilma was always out front, welcoming customers, serving sodas and probably distributing a few opinions. Together, Wilma and Jack Crosson contributed leadership and resources to countless civic causes. Wilma was a 60-year member of Eastern Star.

Although she lived with Alzheimer's for many of her final years, her eyes always lit up and a smile spread when visited by her great-grandchildren. Her love for her family and dedication to her community will be missed.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com).