Melva Johnson, 88 of Oskaloosa and formerly of Barnes City died Feb. 7, at Northern Mahaska Nursing Center in Oskaloosa. Services were, Feb. 11, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Melva Bernice Johnson, the daughter of Cecil and Bernice (Simpson) Harry, was born Jan. 12, 1925 in Poweshiek County. She was graduated from Barnes City High School. Melva was united in marriage to Kenneth Johnson.

She taught music for a few years before becoming a farmer's wife. Melva lived in the Barnes City area most of her life, until she moved to the nursing home.