

## Gloria H. Barb, 91

Gloria H. Barb, 91, of Victor, and formerly of Ladora, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Ladora United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Davis officiating. Interment was in the Ohio Cemetery south of Ladora.

Memorials may be directed to the Ladora United Methodist Church. Condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home Web site at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Gloria was born the daughter of Ralph Albert Sr. and Flossie Klotz Albert on Dec. 28, 1917, in Ladora. She was raised in Ladora, and graduated from Ladora High School with the Class of 1935.

In her younger years, she worked as a waitress, both in Iowa and South Dakota. Later, she worked in retail, and also owned and operated various businesses, including the Ladora Sundry Store.

Gloria was a member of the Ladora United Methodist Church. She sold Avon products for many years, and she was proud to be included in the Avon President's Club for her high level of sales, year after year. Her enjoyments included playing cards, bingo, and going to the casino. She had lived in Ladora much of her life before recently moving to Victor.

Gloria is survived by her son, Richard (Sue) Johnson of St. Ansgar; three grandchildren, Eric (Klara) Johnson of Prague, Czechoslovakia, Jeremy Johnson of Conroy, and Haylee (Travis) Reif of Conroy; five great-grandchildren, Emilee, Morgan, McKenzie and Breigan Reif of Conroy, and Antonie Johnson of Prague, Czechoslovakia; her sister-in-law, Marie Albert of Ladora; nieces, Connie (Mike) Wahl, and Lori (Ron) Caltagirone; and nephew, Danny (Nancy) Albert.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; son, Carl Johnson; her husbands, Norman Sleeper, Emmett Agnew, Cecil Johnson, Harold Burdock, and Carl Barb; and her brothers, Ralph Albert Jr. and Lester Albert.



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