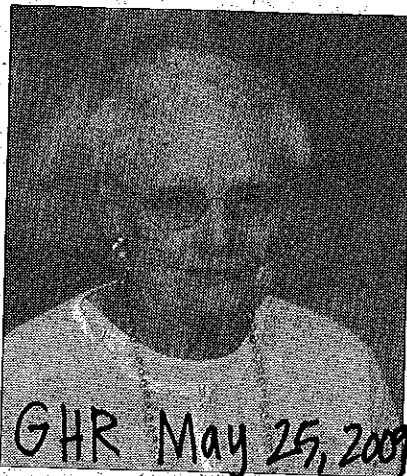


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Florence Anna Renken was born Jan. 15, 1916, on the family farm in Grant Township, Plymouth County, the daughter of Herman and Anna Brabander Renken. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church and attended school in Grant Township. On Jan. 18, 1939, she was united in marriage with Wesley Utech. They made their home on the Utech family farm in Heron Lake, Minn., later returning to Grant Township to farm. She began a 20-year career in the Student Union at Westmar College.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and active in the LeMars Senior Center, serving on its board of directors for many years.

She is survived by four sons, Ronald Utech and Marlin Utech of Dell Rapids, S.D.; Wendell Utech of Grinnell and Terry Utech of Windom, Minn.; grandchildren and great grandchildren, and one brother, Lester Renken of Newman Grove, Neb. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sisters, Viola and Louise and her brothers, George, Marvin, Ray, Herman and Lawrence.

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Among survivors are her son,

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