

Ellen Armstrong, 96

Ellen I. Armstrong, 96, a resident of the Pleasant Park Estates in Oskaloosa, and formerly of Deep River, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Boyd Sparks officiating. Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. A memorial fund has been established.

She was born Oct. 15, 1905, at Reasnor, the daughter of Count Bismark and Nellie Blanche Wheeler Walsh.

She graduated from the Thornburg High School with the class of 1923. She then worked at the Thornburg Telephone office for a couple of years.

On Dec. 24, 1926, she married Donald Armstrong in Oskaloosa. Together, they farmed southeast of Deep River until retiring in 1968, when they moved into

Deep River. She was a clerk at the Van Dee Grocery in Deep River for several years. Her husband died Oct. 24, 1989. She became a resident of Pleasant Park in June 2001. She was a member of the Deep River United Church, and a former member of the Sew and So Club of Deep River.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara (Maynard) Zimmerman, and a son, Gary (Carolyn) Armstrong, both of Deep River; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Chester (Verren) Walsh of Escondido, Calif.; and three sisters, Edith Phillips of Oskaloosa, Wanda Pendleton of What Cheer, and Doris McCready of Cedar Rapids.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a great-great-grandson, Cade Rieder; two brothers, William Walsh and Wilmer Walsh, and a sister, Lois O'Brien.

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