

Services Held For Verna Ma Johnson

Verna Ma, daughter of Morgan and Mary Hartssock, was born on July 4, 1893, near South English, and passed away at the Keokuk County hospital, on Oct. 2, at 66 years of age.

She attended a rural school near Ollie, and later took up dressmaking.

On Oct. 3, 1915, she united in marriage with John S. Johnson, to this union, one daughter was born.

They have lived in this community for the past 42 years, moving to their present home in Barnes City in 1945.

She was a member of Kendrick chapel, a rural Methodist church, near Delta. She was an active member of the local Womens Society of Christian Service and interested in all community affairs.

Beside her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Byerly and three grandchildren, Marvin, Bonita Kay and Dixie Lee, all of Deep River; two brothers, Carol Hartssock, of Ottumwa, and Richard Hartssock of Le Grande, Oregon; also, three sisters, Mrs. Abbie Thorpe, Deep River; Mrs. Annie Bowen, What Cheer, and Mrs. Leila Du Temple, North Platte, Neb., other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Barnes City Methodist church with Rev. William Riechoff in charge; assisted by Rev. Ivan Howard. Leslie Steele, accompanied by Mrs. William Landstrum, sang "In the Garden" and "Going Down the Valley."

Interment was in Highland cemetery at What Cheer under the direction of the Steffy Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Harold Sanders, Morris Sampson, Roy Stevens, Carl Speas, Harold Riggs and Alfred Graham.