

Laura A. Rauch, 98

Laura Amanda Rauch, 98, of Deep River, died Sunday morning, Nov. 23, 2003 at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma.

Her funeral service was Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Deep River, with Pastor Cory Rajek officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Roger Grier, Larry Grier, Jeffrey Rauch, Darrin Rauch, Steven L. Rauch and Chad Simonton.

Honorary casket bearers were Kathy Simonton, Jenea Rauch, Diane Henry, Connie Roth and Bonnie Ryan.

Laura was born Dec. 29, 1904, in Dayton Township, Iowa County, the daughter of George and Mary (Schultz) Meyer. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Victor, in 1905 and confirmed there in 1919. She received her education at Dayton No. 9 Country School and St. John's Lutheran School. Feb. 16, 1927, she was united in marriage with Henry Alfred Rauch. They farmed east of Deep River. Henry

died in 1970 and Laura remained on the farm until moving to the nursing home this past January. She was a farmer's wife and enjoyed gardening and flowers. She loved to quilt and made the Deep River Centennial Quilt in 1984. She also crocheted and did handy work. She loved being with her family and friends.

Laura is survived by three sons and their wives, Robert and Phyllis Rauch of Barnes City, LaVern and Irveen Rauch of Montezuma, and LaVone and Zelda Rauch of New Sharon; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Adella Hewitt of Deep River, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Jack Grier; a daughter-in-law, Murlene Rauch; a granddaughter, Donna Grier; a sister, Florina Meyer, and nephews.

A memorial in her name has been established for the Calvary Lutheran Church or the Deep River Community Center.

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