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### MILLIE JOHANNES SWANGEL

Millie Johannes Swangel, 93 of Littleton, Colo. died, April 6 at the Little Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colo. Services will be April 13, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Visitation will begin after 12 p.m. April 12, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment will be in the West Liberty Cemetery west of Montezuma.

Millie was born in Mahaska County near Barnes City, June 17, 1918. She was the daughter of Herman Henry Johannes and Cora Edith Farr Johannes. Millie grew up on farms in Mahaska County.

December 17, 1938, she was united in marriage to Warren LeRoy Swangel. This marriage was blessed with three children: Gordon (Pat) Swangel of Chino Hills, California, Carol (Larry) Fayer of Highlands Ranch, Colorado and Ginger (Steve) Ham of Evergreen, Colorado.

They had six grandchildren: Pamela Lee and Mark Swangel, Gregory Fayer and Lisa Butler and Caleb and Erika Ham. They have five great-grandchildren: Saxon Lee, Nathan Butler, Ryan Butler, Rachel Swangel and Alexander Swangel. Family and church were always at the center of Millie's life.

She continued living and working on farms after she was married until she and Warren moved to Calif. in 1941. She spent much of her life as a stay-at-home mother. She obtained her real estate license and sold real estate on a part time basis around Bell Gardens, Calif.

In 1961, Warren and Millie moved back to Montezuma where they owned and ran the Swangel Motel. She managed and cared for the motel while Warren ran a very successful roofing business. She was an active member of the West Liberty Church of Christ.

In 1991, Warren and Millie retired and moved to Colorado so they could be closer to their two daughters.

Recently she had been living at the Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center in Littleton, Colo.

Millie was preceded in death by her husband, Warren who died in 2008, parents Herman and Cora Johannes and all nine of her siblings: Harley, Pearl Minner, Glenna, Zella Hockey, Della, Illa, Phyllis, Herman "Junior" and Harlan.