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**November 13, 2003**

**Zatha Scharff**

**Oct. 23, 1912, to Nov. 2, 2003**

**Zatha A. Scharff, age 91, of Manson, died on Sunday, Nov. 2 at Trinity Regional Medical Center. (Fort Dodge, IA /H/)**

**She was born on Oct. 23, 1912 in Waterloo to Charles and Minnie Kohrs Murphy. She graduated from the old North High School in Des Moines in 1931. She married Leonard Scharff in Unionville, Mo. They lived in Des Moines where she worked in an ordinance plant in Ankeny making ammunition during WWII until they moved to Manson in 1945. She worked with her husband at Scharff's Hardware Store in Manson as well as working as a sales associate in Folkert's Dress Shop also in Manson.**

**Survivors include a son, Dallas (and Charlotte) Scharff of Nevada; a daughter, Patricia (and Jack) McMahon of Rantoul, Ill.; a son-in-law, Marvin Freese of Manson; a daughter-in-law, Lillys Scharff of Fort Dodge; 14 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Murphy of Manson.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Roger Scharff; a daughter, Barbara Freese, a great granddaughter, Misty Untraurer; and two brothers, Ray and Ivan Murphy.**

**Funeral services were held on Friday Nov. 7 at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Manson with the Rev. William Howie officiating. Burial was in the St. Thomas Cemetery in Manson. Larson-Weishaar Funeral Home, Manson, handled arrangements.**

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