



## Online Obituaries

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#### Harriet Olsen



Born: 1/26/1908  
Died: 12/22/2002

Services will be held at: 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, december 24, 2002 at Elim Lutheran Church

Visitation times are: NO VIEWING OR VISITATION is scheduled, however friends are invited to sign the guest book from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory

HARRIET OLSEN, 94, OF THE EMBERS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, FORMERLY OF 1521 WEST MAIN STREET, MARSHALLTOWN, DIED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2002 AT THE IOWA METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER IN DES MOINES. FOLLOWING CREMATION AT PURSEL-DAVIS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2002 AT ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH REVEREND KAREN CLUTS OFFICIATING. NO VIEWING OR VISITATION IS SCHEDULED, HOWEVER, FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY AT PURSEL-DAVIS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY. MEORIALS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE EMBERS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY IN HARRIET'S NAME.

HARRIET OLSEN WAS BORN JANUARY 26,1908 IN RADCLIFF, IOWA TO LEWIS AND MARTHA AMUNDSON. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF NINE CHILDREN. IN 1921 HER PARENTS RETIRED FROM FARMING AND MOVED TO CLEAR LAKE, IOWA WHERE HARRIET GRADUATED FROM CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL. IN 1932, SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE. SHE WAS A NURSE AT THE IOWA SOLDIERS HOME IN MARSHALLTOWN WHERE SHE MET AND MARRIED EDMUND OLSEN IN 1936. SHE WORKED AT MARSHALL PRINT AND TAUGHT IN FERNALD AND NEVADA, IOWA SCHOOLS BEFORE MOVING BACK TO MARSHALLTOWN IN 1945. SHE LATER WORKED IN THE MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TAUGHT BIOLOGY AT MARSHALLTOWN HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1973. MRS. OLSEN RECEIVED AMASTERS DEGREE IN BIOLOGY IN 1966. SHE WAS A 60-YEAR MEMBER OF ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BELONGED TO THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND MARSHALLTOWN BIRD CLUB. SHE HAD BEEN A RESIDENT AT EMBERS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY SINCE 1992. PRECEDING HER IN DEATH WERE SEVEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND HER HUSBAND, EDMUND OLSEN. HARRIET IS SURVIVED BY A BROTHER, LEROY AMUNDSON OF RURAL NIANLEY, IOWA; A SON MERRITT OLSEN AND HIS WIFE JANET OLSEN OF FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON; A DAUGHTER ANN MILLER AND HER HUSBAND IVAN MILLER OF ELDORA, IOWA ONE GRANDSON, IVAN MILLER OF ELDORA, AND MANY WONDERFUL FRIENDS OF THE EMBERS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY.