

## OBITUARY

### Ester E. Saum, 96

Ester E. Saum, age 96 of Marshalltown died Tuesday evening, August 31 at the Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services are set for 10:30 A.M. Saturday at the Estel Perrin Avery Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Gustafson officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call at the Funeral Home Friday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the family being present from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

She was born in Melbourne, IA. on August 12, 1908 the daughter of David and Mary C. Ellis Troxel.

On January 15, 1929, at Fort Des Moines she was united in marriage to John A. Saum. He preceded her in death in March of 1994.

Survivors include her long time friend Harriet Elder, a nephew Dick Gilliland of Grand Island, NE, Carol Ann Foster of CA., a niece Virginia Jones of Creston, IA., great-nephew Kim Gilliland of

Grand Island and great nieces, Mindy Waddinghour of Creston, IA., and Kerry Garza of Grand Island.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband and a daughter Dorothy in 1975.

Esther was reared and educated in Melbourne, and graduated from High School there in 1926. After their marriage they lived in Melbourne until 1944, when they moved to Marshalltown. She was a long time Times Republican employee as a society editor, a position she held for 29 years. She retired in 1973.

While living in Melbourne, she was active in the Christian Church and had served as pianist for many years. She was also a past president of the Melbourne Women's Club. Mrs. Saum was a long time member of the Central Christian Church and the Group Rebecca of the CWF, Marshalltown Women's Club, Tuesday Musical, Spinning Wheel Chapter of the D.A.R. and the Central Chapter 67 OES.