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She was born Dec. 24, 1920, to Harry A. and Lydia (Kulenkamp) Hobein in St. Louis, Mo. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 12 by Elder Ernest Branson at the St. Louis Central S.D.A. church. In 1938 after her mother’s death, her father brought her to Oak Park Academy in Nevada to attend school. She graduated with her class in 1938. It was there that she met her husband to be, Mike Dassenko, and they were married Feb. 17, 1940. Both worked at the Iowa Sanitarium and Hospital in Nevada until it burned in 1943. She was a food service assistant in various schools, including Oak Park Academy and Collins Elementary School. In 1992, the couple moved from Collins to Ellendale. She enjoyed cooking, baking, playing the piano and taking care of her family. She was a faithful member of the Nevada and Albert Lea S.D.A. churches and assistant pianist for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Mike; three daughters, Colleen (and Dale) Loken of Owatonna, Mary (and Carlos) Schwantes of St. Louis, Mo., and Lola Fults (and John Shannon) of Kansas City, Kan.; a son-in-law, Clark Williamson of Des Moines; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Sonja Williamson.

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