

Obituary

Sophia Fienup, daughter of J. Henry and Caroline Fischer, was born September 18, 1893, at the farm home of her parents three miles east of Shenandoah and passed away April 3, 2000. She was 106 years of age. Sophia often helped her father with the chores while learning many skills from him, such as driving, being one of the first women to drive a car in Page County. Sophia experienced many firsts, an indoor bathroom, the telephone, and the incandescent lamp, while still a young girl in the early 1900's. She often shared memories of trips to St. Louis to visit her mother's family. Going to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 was a highlight and she often related her experiences there. Sophia married Charles Fienup on February 21, 1923, and started housekeeping on a small farm in Morton Township where they lived for six years before moving into a new brick home designed and planned by her. She lived in the farm home for 71 years up to a few weeks before her death. Sophia and Charles were longtime members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah.

Sophia's family was the most important part of her life. She received great joy in doing for them. She always had the greatest interest in everything the grandchildren and great-grandchildren did and accomplished. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary. Sophia took a great interest in the farm operation. Being outdoors, tending her flowers and working in the large vegetable garden were favorite activities. Sophia was a charter and active member in Country Guild. Charles and Sophia enjoyed their friends at Senior Citizens. In her few idle moments Sophia was always ready for cards, working a crossword puzzle, crocheting, or writing letters to family and friends.

Sophia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles and a daughter-in-law, Phyllis. She is survived by her two sons, Donald Fienup and Darrell Fienup and his wife Ruth. Grandchildren are Nancy Berning and husband Steve, Steve Fienup and his wife Genene, Gregg Fienup and wife Lea, Sherrie Gould and Scott Fienup. Great-grandchildren are Jennifer, Nick and Luke Berning, Jeff and Michelle Fienup, Vanessa, Ryan and Trevor Gould, and Gabriel, Jessica and Jacob Fienup.

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