

Hans & Ella Mae

In Memory - Ella Mae Hansen

Ella Mae Hansen, daughter of James and Maude Guthrie Higgins, was born on August 30, 1922, in Nodaway County Missouri, and passed away on April 8, 2002, in Omaha, Nebraska. She was 79 years of age. Ella Mae attended school and grew up in Missouri. She also lived in rural Oakland, Iowa. In 1934 Ella Mae was united in marriage to Amil Bueker and to this union three children, Ardel, Arthur and Gerald were born. Amil Bueker passed away in 1946. On September 5, 1949, Ella Mae was united in marriage to Hans E. Hansen in Sidney, Iowa. To this union one son, Ronald Lee, was born. Ella Mae and Hans enjoyed stock car racing. After seeing a few races Ella Mae was so thrilled that she became a "Powder Puff" racer. She never won a race but did come in second and third. Ella Mae soon quit racing because of the dangers. She had three children which were more important. This didn't last long because she and Hans bought the "Bogie Inn" in 1951. Most people will remember the "Bogie Inn" for the famous "brain sandwich," which was the talk of the town. After closing the "Bogie Inn" Ella Mae traveled to Red Oak and worked at the Carbon Plant and then to Nebraska City where she worked at the Ocoma Plant. Her last job was at Imperial Chemical Plant in Shenandoah. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren and was a caring person. She will be sadly missed.

Preceding Ella Mae in death were her parents, her husbands, two brothers, Guy Higgins and Harold Higgins, brother-in-law, Charlie Smith, a sister Ruby Henderson, and sister-in-law Velma Higgins. She is survived by her daughter Darlene Kirchert and sons Ardel and Arthur Bueker all of Shenandoah, Gerald Bueker of Colorado, Ronald L. Hansen of Shenandoah, a brother Archie Higgins and his wife Maxine of Clarinda, sisters Irene Barnett of Lincoln, NE, Verla Smith of Hinckley, MI, sister-in-law Florence Higgins of Shenandoah, grandchildren Sharon Hayes of Blue Springs, MO, Gary L. Pritchett of Shenandoah, Patricia McComb of rural Elliott, six grandchildren in Colorado, ten great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.