



## Geneva E. Norris

September 29, 1917 - November 9, 2007

Geneva E. Norris: Geneva passed away early Friday morning at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa at the age of 90 years, 1 month and 10 days,

Survivors include three sons and their spouses: William ""Bill"" and Carolyn Norris of Albuquerque NM; James ""Jim"" Norris of Oskaloosa; and John and Diane Norris of Glenburn, ME. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Geneva E. Norris, daughter of Christian and Hannah Russell Smedsrud, was born September 29, 1917, in Fillmore Co. Minnesota. She is a 1935 graduate of Canton Consolidated School in Canton, Minnesota. She continued her education at Luther College, where after two years she acquired her teacher's certificate. She later finished her education at William Penn College, where she received a bachelor's degree. Geneva's first teaching assignment was in Martinsburg, Iowa, where she taught from 1937 to 1944. May 13, 1940, she married Leland ""Bill"" Norris. After World War II, they moved to Ollie, Iowa, where they lived until 1955, at which time they moved to Oskaloosa. Geneva returned to teaching in 1960 at Lincoln School in Oskaloosa where she taught 4th grade. She retired in 1983, after teaching a total of 28 years. Geneva enjoyed her family, genealogy, reading and quilting. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, and had been involved in Stephen's ministries. She also volunteered in the Adult Literacy Program and at the Oskaloosa Food Cupboard. She was the recipient of the Governor's Award in 1988 for Adult Education Literacy Program.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bill on December 10, 1974.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Geneva E. Norris*

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