

OBITUARIES



Dorothy Louise Thomas

September 7, 1931 ~ April 25, 2026

Dorothy Louise Thomas reached out and grabbed the hand of Jesus on April 25, 2026. At the age of 94, she passed peacefully at her home in Promise City with her children holding her hands and cradling her face. Her grandchildren were also present with their support and love. She enjoyed nothing more than listening to her family chitter-chatter in her final days. When she was asked how she was doing, her reply would be, "ornery as ever."

During her working days, she was a school teacher. Her first teaching assignment was at the Numa School, where she was barely older than some of her students there. Other school systems she taught at were Mystic, Udell, and Moravia. She particularly enjoyed teaching kindergarten because she was able to teach them so much during the school year.

Dorothy later co-owned three restaurants. Oh, those cinnamon rolls were the best ever made! She was also known for her pies. An all-around great cook, she knew the meaning of hard work. At one point in her life, she kept up with four jobs—one full-time and three part-time jobs. In addition, Dorothy worked at Young Radiator and Wells Manufacturing.

Dorothy was born September 7, 1931, in Julesburg, Colorado. The family later moved to Iowa. After her high school graduation, she married Clyde Strickler, to which her children Dixie, Debbie, Dana, and Russ were born. They later divorced, and she then married Wendell Thomas.

She lived happy years on the farm just outside of Centerville. On the farm, she continued her love of horses, gardening, quilting, and bird watching. She loved playing cards, and cooking with her family.

Upon accepting the Lord as her Savior, she was happy worshipping with her church families at Dale Church, Peoples Baptist, and Seymour Baptist Churches.

Later, she and Wendell moved to Promise City, where Dorothy resided for the past few years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Thomas; her mother, Louise Callen; her father, Claude Callen; her sisters, Corene Callen and Betty Callen; and many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Left to cherish her precious beautiful memories are her children: Dixie Strickler, Debbie Brewer (late husband Tim), Dana (Roger) Selix, and Russ Strickler; five grandchildren: Sherri (Jeff) Hammer, Jamie Brewer, Travis Selix, Tammy Selix, and Taylor (Emily) Selix; also eight great-grandchildren called her grandma. She is also survived by her siblings, Sue (Larry) Brown, Bill (Linda) Callen, Barbara Brist, and Claude (Deb) Callen Jr.; brother-in-law, Marvin Swan; brother-in-law, Larry (Evelyn) Thomas; sister-in-law, Norma Thomas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with family greeting loved ones and friends at Sinnott Funeral Home in Albia. Immediately following the visitation, we will proceed to Haines Cemetery for the burial at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Matt Pringle and Pastor Tommy Wilkins officiating.

Any memorial contributions will go to the Little Flock Church on Highway 2, where she stopped from time to time, they may be left at Sinnott Funeral Home or mailed to 2030 Hwy 5, Albia, Iowa 52531. She loved to help her family with mowing cemeteries and she was good at it.

Pallbearers will be Roger Selix, Travis Selix, Taylor Selix, Tucker Selix, Jake DeRuiter, and Josh DeRuiter.

Honorary pallbearers are Russ Strickler, Claude Callen, Caden Selix, Henry Selix, Maverick Selix, and Jeff Hammer.

CITY OF MOULTON WATER QUALITY REPORT

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The 2025 Annual CCR Water Quality Report for the City of Moulton is available at Moulton City Hall and located on the city's website at moultoniowa.com. The CCR report will not be mailed or published.

18-80 NEWS

Happy May Day!!

Our April co-op was well attended. Our next co-op will be May 21st at 5:00. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Those attending always have a good time filled with conversation and laughter.

Our beautiful building is available for gatherings. Board members have worked hard to freshen up the building. Please call Marie at 641-436-0118 to ask about using the building. The building can be used for four hours, a day or an evening, and for two day homecoming events. It is a good place for family reunions, graduation parties, showers, and funeral dinner gatherings. Each is priced accordingly. There is a full kitchen for an extra fee.

Niagara Falls travelers...be aware that we will have a meeting when the itinerary arrives. The meeting time will be posted on FB. Feel free to call Kathy or Marie to ask about the time of the meeting. It would be difficult calling each of you individually. Thank you.

The fall trip is to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Plymouth Sept. 26 - Oct. 4. This trip is now full. We are taking names for a waiting list if you are interested. There will be an escorted visit to artistic Martha's Vineyard, guided tours of Hyannis, Sandwich, and Plymouth. We will visit the JFK Museum. Also a guided tour of the "Outer Cape", including Provincetown and Chatham. The deposit for this trip is due by May 26th. The deposit can be mailed to 18-80 Club 922 West State Street Centerville, IA 52544.

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2026 APPANOOSE COUNTY FAIR

QUEEN CONTEST

Contestants must be 16 to 21 years old as of August 13, 2026. Contestants must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization and be a resident of Appanoose County or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. Participants must be present for the group photo session, able to preside over the 2026 Appanoose County Fair, and represent Appanoose County at the Iowa State Fair, August 12th-15th to be eligible. Deadline for entering is June 1st. or more information, contact Jara Cassady at 641-777-1932 or email bjcassady@netins.net, Jerilyn Inman 641-895-5600 or Judi Lawson 641-777-0213. Applications may be picked up at the Extension Office or Iowa Trust and Savings Bank in Centerville.

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NATIONAL NURSES DAY

By: Tatum Marcussen - Editor and Graphic Designer



National Nurses Day, observed each year on May 6, honors and celebrates the vital role nurses play in healthcare and their dedication to patient care. The day marks the beginning of National Nurses Week, which concludes May 12 on the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

Today, more than four million registered nurses serve in the United States, providing essential care across a wide range of specialties. Nurses play a critical role in public health, combining compassion with expertise as they evaluate patient care. National Nurses Day serves as a time to recognize their commitment, celebrate their contributions, and thank them for the difference they make in the lives of patients and communities every day!

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Ryan Wagner

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