

Dorothy M. Rusk, age 87, of Linn Grove, Iowa, died Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Dorothy Marguerite Clapp, the daughter of Arthur Edwin and Ella Marguerite (Claney) Clapp was born at Linn Grove, Iowa, on September 10, 1920. Dorothy lived her youth in the Linn Grove area and was a 1938 graduate of the Cornell High School. She continued her education at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake.



On September 21, 1939, Dorothy was united in marriage to Lawrence Bruce Rusk at her parent's home at Linn Grove and this union was blessed with four children: John Francis, Janet Kay, Linda Ann, and Bruce Arthur. Dorothy and Lawrence were devoted to their farming vocation and raised their family and farmed near Linn Grove for 41 years. In 1985, they moved into the town of Linn Grove where they made their home. This past February, Dorothy and

Lawrence took up residency at Otsego Place in Storm Lake.

In her youth, Dorothy was a member of the 4-H Club and received state honors for her clothing design and seamstress talents. While she attended Buena Vista College, she was privileged to be selected as one of the homecoming queen candidates and also was a member of her college's sorority. As her children were growing up, Dorothy remembered the value she received from belonging to the 4-H Club and will be remembered for the time she contributed to being a 4-H

**The Family of
Dorothy Marguerite (Clapp) Rusk & Lawrence Bruce Rusk**



John and Sara Rusk

Michele McNeill
Julie Lemieux
Sean Lemieux
Alison McNeill

J. Nathaniel and Amy Haynes
Nathan Haynes
Carissa Haynes

Janet (Carris) Osborn and Dr. Thomas Osborn

Todd and Jennifer Carris
C. Owen Carris
G. Katherine Carris
Mark and Melissa Carris
Zachary Carris
Abigail Carris

Linda Sams

Debra and Kevin VanderLinden
Tyler VanderLinden
Jacob VanderLinden
Kathy and Jason Roberts
Brandon Roberts
Caleb Roberts
Megan Roberts

Bruce and Evyonne Rusk

Damon and Jennifer Rusk
Darron and Erin Rusk
Brady Rusk
Hallie Rusk
Ryan and Alyssa Rusk
Elise Rusk
Kaitlyn Rusk

leader. Dorothy enjoyed music and when she was younger she played the violin and in later years she played the piano and also sang in the church choir. She always took an active interest in the activities of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and she especially enjoyed following their sporting events. She will be remembered by her family and friends as an excellent seamstress and cook and for the many hours she devoted to sewing. Dorothy's faith was a meaningful and important part of her life. She was an active member of the Riverside Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Linn Grove where she had been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Ladies Aid, and the Geneva Fellowship.



The memories of Dorothy's life will always hold a very special place in the heart of her husband of 68 years, Lawrence, of Storm Lake, Iowa, her children: John and Sara Rusk of Frederick, Maryland, Janet (Carris) Osborn and Dr. Thomas Osborn of Cincinnati, Ohio, Linda Sams of Nevada, Iowa, and Bruce and Evyonne Rusk of Linn Grove, Iowa, her 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, her brother and his wife, Troy and Betty Clapp of Linn Grove, Iowa, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.


She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Dwight, three infant brothers and son-in-law, C. Timothy Carris.



“Well done thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy M. Rusk

September 10, 1920  April 19, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 · 1:30 p.m.
Riverside Presbyterian Church PCA
Linn Grove, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Russell Westbrook
Reverend Doug Corlew

ORGANIST

Minnie McKeever

DUET

Greg Drzycimski and Linda Gensen
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
"When We See Christ"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

CASKETBEARERS

Damon Rusk, Darron Rusk, Ryan Rusk
Todd Carris, Mark Carris, Jason Roberts

INTERMENT

Barnes Township Cemetery
Linn Grove, Iowa



Arrangements by
Sliefert Funeral Homes
www.sliefert.com

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I lift up my eyes to the hills,
from whence shall my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord who made
heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

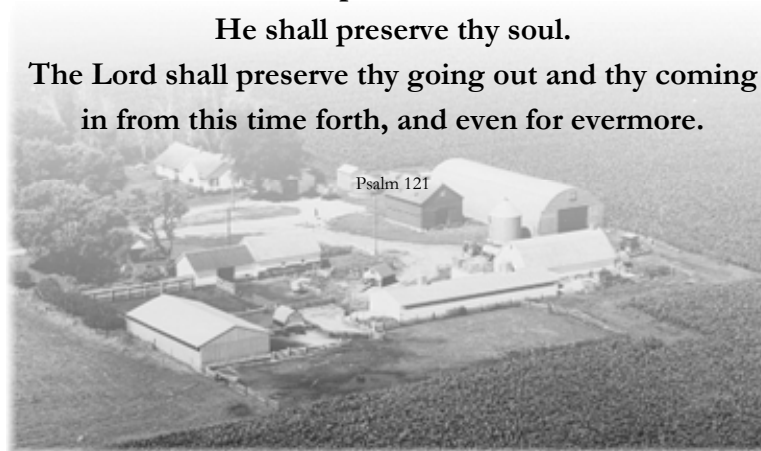
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper;
the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun will not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from evil;
He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming
in from this time forth, and even for evermore.



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

The Rusk Family



Remembering A Special Life



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

Psalm 116:15

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