

Julia Gunhild Thorvilson Holtan Obituary

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"Mrs. Gunhild Holtan was born on Sept 1, 1865, of the parents Aslak and Turi Thorvilson, in Fillmore Co., Minn. Later they resided on the old homestead south of Lake Mills, Iowa. Friday, February 26, 1937 at 6 o'clock, after an attack of a sickness she had been afflicted with for several years, she passed away. The cause of her death was bronchial pneumonia and a weak heart condition. She was 71 years of age.

Mrs. Holtan was baptized into the Christian faith and confirmed by the late Rev. J.M. Dahl. On July 12, 1887, she was united in marriage to Halvor Holtan. To this union eleven children were born, two of which preceded her in death. William aged 17 months and Emma aged 16 years. Mrs. Holtan lived at her present home for all but three years, at which time she resided in Forest City, Ia. It was her privilege to have her folks and children in this community. She always did have her membership in the Winnebago Lutheran Church work and always enjoyed the blessing connected with church membership. Those who mourn her are her children, four sisters and a brother, 32 grandchildren, many relatives, and friends. Funeral services were held March 2, 1937 with burial at the Winnebago Church Cemetery, Rev. H.F. Huseth in charge."