

# Jean Swanson

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She was born Nov. 13, 1926, in Coggon, Iowa, to Orrie and Shirley (Holcomb) Watkins. She married Albert Swanson on Oct. 14, 1950, in Moline.

She was a graduate of Moline High School and Augustana College with a major in English. She taught in elementary grade schools at Dimmick, Waltham, Peru and Tiskilwa.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Azure chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Galilee White Shrine. She was active with La Salle County Genealogy Society, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts and Mendota Community Theater.

She is survived by one daughter, Dennet Lenz of Island Lake; three sons, Andrew Swanson of Mendota, Brian Swanson

of Wyandotte, Okla., and Colin (Sharon) Swanson of Pasco, Wash.; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one niece, Heather Rundell of Mendota.

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