Ludmila Mary Amcha Benesh, 83

Ludmila Mary Amcha Benesh, 83, of Brooklyn, died from a short illness on April 22, 2010, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 26, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chelsea. Deacon Joe Behounck officiated. Organist and cantor was Pat Sauer. Pallbearers were William Wears, Mike Cherveny, Allan Graham, Dale Kasal, Mark Kasal and Jonathan Kasal. Burial was at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Chelsea. Hrabak Funeral Home in Belle Plaine was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.hrabakfuneralhome.com under obituaries.

Ludmila was born on Feb. 13, 1927, in Chicago to Jeremiah Amcha and Hedvig Chury. She graduated from Tama High School with the class of 1944. On Nov. 13, 1947, she was united in marriage to William Joseph Benesh at the St. Joseph's Rectory in Chelsea. She taught country school in Tama and Poweshiek counties and was a homemaker since 1948.

Ludmila loved being the hands-on partner in her and William's family farm operation. She also looked forward to weekly card clubs and socializing with friends. Ludmila was a strong, happy person and will be missed by all who loved her.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church Parish Council, National Catholic Society of Foresters, Bunda-Sell American Legion Auxiliary, Poweshiek County ARC, Czechoslovak Society of America, Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary, and was a 4-H leader for 15 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Mae (Mark) Nelson of Ames; and two grandchildren, Megan Benesh Nelson and Matthew Benesh Nelson.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, William on Sept. 15, 1999; children, Frances Ludmila Benesh, Judy Benesh Wears, Jean Marie Benesh; and a sister, Sylvia Kueera.