

Frances Burchland



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On Nov. 28, 1943, she married Thomas Burchland at her family's home. They farmed in the Gilman community, where she raised her family, worked along side of her husband, and later worked at the Citizen's Savings Bank.

She was a member of the Gilman Community Church, the Women's Circle of the church and the Good Will Neighborhood Club. Frances will be fondly remembered for her hospitality — delivering food and cards to those just home from hospitals, her famous Christmas meals, and baking and cooking. She was a hard-working lady, and treasured her family.

She is survived by Tom, her husband of 65 years; four children, Sonja Wilhau of Grundy Center, Karen Freeborn of Ankeny, Kathy Knoll of Clarinda and Mike Burchland of Gilman; 11 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Lyle of Marshalltown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Gerald and Virgil Strand, and a sister, Christine Strand.

Frances Burchland, 84, of rural Gilman, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24, 2009, at Grandview Heights in Marshalltown.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. She will be interred in the Prairieview Cemetery at Gilman. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services. A memorial fund is being established. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Born Frances Michaels on Feb. 26, 1925, in Newburg, she was the daughter of F. Friel and Minnie Roseland Michaels. She graduated from Newburg High School with the Class of 1942.