Ella Mae Olson, 83

Ella Mae Olson, 83, of West Liberty, died Friday, June 4, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, at the Henderson-Barker Funeral Home in West Branch. Burial was in the North Prairie Cemetery in West Liberty. A memorial fund has been established. Online condolences may be made to the family at hendersonbarkerfuneralhome.com.

Ella Mae was born in Poweshiek County on Oct. 24, 1926, the daughter of Mathias and Ida Hauersperger Upah. She was united in marriage to Gerald Olson on Feb. 5, 1945, in Brooklyn.

She retired from ACT in Iowa City, after working there for more than 20 years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in West Liberty, where she was also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Smothers of Montezuma; son, Craig (Patty) Olson of North Liberty; and daughter, Sandi (Steve) Jennings of West Branch. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tony and Troy Hess, Patrick Smothers, Mitchell and Michael Jennings, Ashley Olson and Becky Dudrey, and great-grandchildren Brynlee Dudrey, Stone Wildman, Dylan Olson, Trent Smothers and Kaitlyn Hess.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; sisters Eva and Dorothy; brothers Leonard, Gerald, and Lester; son-in-law, Jack Smothers; and grandchildren, Todd Hess, Deborah Hess, and Brad Jennings.