

Betty Vavra

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Betty Ann Vavra, daughter of Harry J. and Hildred A. Kucera Frahm, was born on Sept. 9, 1930, in Tama and graduated from Tama High School in 1948. On Jan. 26, 1951, she married Vernon 'Jake' Vavra at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Malcom. Betty stayed at home raising the couple's six children until they bought the New Sharon Star where she served as the editor for ten years. She then received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from William Penn University in 1980. She taught ten years in the Farmington School System in Farmington, Mo.

Betty had a passion for music and singing, and other favorite pastimes included golfing with her husband and family and large family gatherings where she enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her six children: Michael Vavra of Houston, Texas; Charles Vavra of Northwood, Iowa; Randall Vavra of Australia; James Vavra of Eddyville; Lisa Bell of Indialantic, Fla.; and Christine Hopwood of Montezuma. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Doris Love of Austin, Texas, and Jane Shafland of Red Wing, Minn., and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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