Dorothy Williams, 79

Dorothy Williams, 79, formerly of Ottumwa, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Weslaco, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 12, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was in the West Liberty Cemetery near Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Dorothy Louise Williams was born on Sept. 30, 1930, in Montezuma, the daughter of James and Ethel Marlin Johnson. She was a 1947 graduate of Montezuma High School. Dorothy attended the Ottumwa Beauty Academy before beginning her life long career as a beautician. She owned and operated Dorothy's Beauty Salon for 25 years in Ottumwa. Dorothy also worked as a beautician at Marshall Field's, as well as an instructor at a beauty school in Chicago. She was married to Jack Palmer in 1955. To this union, one son was born, Steve. In 1982, she was united in marriage to Michael Williams. The couple resided in Albia before moving to Alamo, Texas. Dorothy was a member of the First Christian Church of Christ in Ottumwa.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Michael of Alamo, Texas; one son, Steve (Rhonda) Palmer of Ottumwa; one step-son, Michael (Barbara) Williams Jr. of Spring Water, N.Y.; two step-daughters, Beverly (David) Kooker of Albia, and Barbara Wigall of Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Rachel (Walter) Daugherty of Vandalia, Pauline Ell of Montezuma, and Marilyn (Wendell) Hardeman of Fayetteville, Ark. She also leaves behind eight step-grandchildren, 14 step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; and two step-great-grandchildren, Samuel and David Lohenitz.