Dorothy M. Richards died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. The family will greet friends at the funeral home before the service Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be at Newton Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Kellogg United Methodist Church or the Kellogg Historical Society may be left at the funeral home.

Dorothy was born July 18, 1918, in rural Newton to James and Mary Leona Munger Gardner. She grew up in Newton, and was a graduate of Newton High School. On Oct. 25, 1941, she married William "Bill" Richards and they lived their married life in Kellogg.

She was a member of Kellogg United Methodist Church. She also enjoyed travel, reading, playing bridge and doing crossword puzzles, and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her two sons, William G. "Bill" Richards of Urbandale and David Richards of Palm Coast, Fla.; one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren; a sister and a brother, Helen Kreager and Dale Gardner, both of Newton; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother James Gardner, and one great-granddaughter.

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