Kathleen B. ‘Pete’ Werner

Kathleen B. “Pete” Werner, 81, of Tama and formerly of rural Poweshiek County, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tama with Pastor Thomas Dowling officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama.

A visitation will be held on Monday, Jan. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama. A memorial fund has been established.

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She was born Dec. 21, 1927, in rural Poweshiek County, the daughter of Ernest and Eda Graff Jochims. She attended rural school and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1944.

She was united in marriage with Melroy E. Werner on Feb. 16, 1946, in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tama. They resided in Tama where she was worked at the Tama paper mill, then with her husband ran the VFW Canteen until working at the Meskwaki Bingo Casino Hotel until retirement.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and women's circle of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her son Charles Werner of Chelsea; two daughters, Barbara Imhoff of Dwight, Ill., and Penny Mathes of Tama; eight grandchildren; and 27 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son Jerry Edward Werner; two sisters, Dorothy Smith and Alice Land; and one brother Clifford Jochims.

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