Jean V. Henry, 89

Jean V. Henry, age 89, of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at the Grinnell Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Inurnment will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, or the Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Jean Viola Smith was born July 31, 1922 in Brooklyn, the daughter of James and Susan Goff Smith. She was graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1941 and continued with her education, receiving her teaching certificate. Jean was united in marriage to Paul William Henry June 27, 1946. The couple farmed near Guernsey and moved to Brooklyn in 1964. Jean taught school in the Poweshiek country schools and assisted her husband on the farm. Later she was employed as a cook at the BGM schools and was self-employed as a cake decorator and candy and cookie maker. She also was a receptionist at Reida Insurance in Brooklyn for a few years. She enjoyed children and she ran a daycare in her home for awhile.

Jean was survived by her children, Jane Clime and husband George of Brooklyn, and Steven Henry (Shelley) of Gilman; four grandchildren, Greg and Seth Clime of Brooklyn, Eric Henry of Marengo, and Brittany Henry of Cedar Rapids; four great-grandchildren, McKinnah Mitchell, and Dylan, Bryce and Ryan Henry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul in 1993; three brothers, Delbert, Kenneth, and Wayne; and a sister, Frances.

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Jean was a member of the South Side Circle, the Pythian Sisters, the Grace United Methodist Church, and the United Methodist Women. She volunteered at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center and the Grinnell Regional Hospice. Jean cooked breakfast for the Kiwanis Club for several years and handed out samples at local retail stores. Jean loved spending her time in the kitchen and with her family. She especially enjoyed attending the sporting events of her grandchildren.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.