

MARY EMILY VAN HAMME

Mary Emily Van Hamme, 84, a resident of the Senior Citizens Apartments in Victor the past 11 years, died Thursday, April 23, 1987. She was the daughter of Charles and Emma Wauters Blomme, and was born near Victor in Iowa County on August 5, 1902. She attended rural schools.

She was married to Victor VanHamme on October 12, 1920, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor. The couple lived on farms in Poweshiek and Iowa Counties until 1949 when they moved to Victor. She was active in home nursing for many years, and was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Survivors include her daughter and husband: Suzanne and Vernard Block of Hartwick, her son and wife, Leonard and Marjorie VanHamme of Brooklyn, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, and her brother Emil Blomme of Victor.

The Mass of the Resurrection was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor with the Rev. Eugene Hoenig, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was provided by Sean Riedel, organist and the St. Bridget's Choir. A duet, "How Great Thou Art" was sung by Donna Vercandé and Dennis VanHamme.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Victor who died January 13, 1976, and three brothers, Clarence, Lawrence, and August who died in infancy.

Pallbearers were Gary Blomme of Montrose, Richard Blomme and Richard Claeys of Belle Plaine, David Heitmann and Raymond VanHamme of Victor, and Rene VanHamme of Des Moines.

Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery, Victor. The Rosary was recited Friday evening at the McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home.