Marie Duffus, 88

A former Brooklyn resident, Marie Ethel Duffus, 88, passed away July 3, 2008, in Des Moines.

Marie, the youngest child of A.L. (Rene) and M. Ethel Carmichael Duffus, was born near Brooklyn on July 19, 1919. After she graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1937, she and her sister Pearl worked in Grinnell. Later, they moved to Des Moines, where they worked until retirement. Marie retired in 1981, from Wallaces' Farmer and Iowa Homestead of Des Moines.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Ruritan Building on North Jackson Street (Highway V18), Brooklyn. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Nevenhoven Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Lester (Elsie) Duffus of Brooklyn, Lona (Glenn) Connell of Brooklyn, Clarence (Lillian) Duffus of Malcom, and Pearl Duffus of Des Moines.

She is survived by her five nieces and nephews: Marylane (John) Heine of Kalispell, Mont.; Jerry (Linda) Duffus of Columbia, Mo.; Harold (Lynda) Connell of Wichita, Kan.; Jan (Bill) Price of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; and Marvin (Esmeralda) Duffus of McKinney, Texas; as well as eight great-nieces and nephews, and 15 great-great nieces and nephews. In addition, Marie is survived by a cousin, Matine Forcutt Hamlin, of Whitefish, Mont.; and extended family in the Brooklyn area.

A few weeks ago, Marie and her nephew, Harold Connell, visited in Carnforth with her high school classmates, Ruth Robey Price and Agnes Williams Nervig.