Margaret M. Warnell

Margaret M. Warnell, 81, of Marshalltown, formerly of Malcom and Baxter, died June 14, 2008, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

A memorial service was held Thursday, June 19, at the Smith Funeral Home with Pastor Dewey Grimes of the Faith Assembly of God in Marshalltown officiating. Honorary bearers were Robert Kelley and Val Lerma. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.

The daughter of Edd and Mabel Webb Adams, she was born Nov. 30, 1926, in Gifford, Iowa. She was raised in Baxter where she attended school. On Jan. 3, 1942, she was united in marriage with Robert James Warnell in Bromley, Mo. Following World War II, the couple made their home in Baxter for many years where she enjoyed taking care of her home and raising her family. Later in her life, she worked at various part-time jobs. In 1977, the couple retired to Lake Wales, Fla., for several years, later moving to Malcom. She had been a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home since August 2005.

She was a member of the Assembly of God in Newton. She enjoyed playing cards and various board games. She also enjoyed cooking and was known for her "famous" fried chicken. In addition, she enjoyed traveling and visiting with her grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Kayleen Kelley of Fort Mead, Fla., and Bobette Lerma of Toledo; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2006; two sisters, Odette Schwrenebart and Vola Dannen and one grandson Dennis Lee Hagedorn.