Viola E. Behounek, 92

Viola E. Behounek, 92, rural Chelsea, passed away at Sunny Hill Care Center, Tama, after a lengthy illness on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Chelsea, by Deacon Joe Behounek. Burial was at Rector Cemetery, Chelsea.

Viola was born on April 13, 1921, to Paul and Rose (Tripplet) Patton on the family farm in rural Poweshiek County. She graduated from Brooklyn High School, and Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. Viola taught country school until a neighbor boy came calling and they were married on Aug. 30, 1947. She served as Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph, Chelsea, for 17 years. She was a member of the Women’s Foresters and Rosary Society for over 60 years. Viola lived on the family farm at rural Chelsea until November of last year. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Gregory (Pam) Behounek, Blairtown; Kenneth (Debra) Behounek, Tama, and Nathan (Valerie) Behounek, Chelsea; six grandchildren, Melissa Behounek Marshall, Jason), Chris Behounek (Agie), Andy Behounek (Maggie), Carrie Behounek Sherman (Lyle), Jacob Behounek (Amy), and Sarah Behounek (Aaron Kassen); two great grandchildren, Caitlin Marshall and Juliet Sherman.

Hrabak Funeral Home, Belle Plaine, was in charge of arrangements.