Mary E. Kitzman, 80

Mary Elizabeth Adams Kitzman, 80, of Deep River, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006 at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Her funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 27, at the Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer with the Rev. Vince Homan officiating. Interment followed at the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg.

Mary was born on Dec. 9, 1925 in rural Delta, the daughter of Charles and Cona Adams. She was raised and attended school in Delta until she was 14. In 1939, Mary moved with her family to a farm near Keswick and attended the Thornburg High School where she graduated in 1945 as salutatorian of her class. On Feb. 11, 1947, Mary was united in marriage to Edward Kitzman Jr. at the Christian Church in Oskaloosa. They farmed in Mahaska County for a year, Keokuk County for 15 years and in 1963 moved to a farm in Poweshiek County near Deep River. Mary enjoyed gardening, raising chickens, being a farmer's helper and most of all being a caring wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Thornburg United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband Edward Kitzman of Deep River, two sons, Charles Kitzman and wife Betty of Hayesville and Larry Kitzman of Deep River, a daughter, Lois Kendall and husband Carl of Albia, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Carl, Earl, Glen, and John Adams, and two sisters, Thelma Lewis and Opal Keller.

Memorials in her name may be directed to the diabetes foundation.