

Dorothy M. Claeys, 82

Dorothy M. Claeys, 82, of Victor, died on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, surrounded by her family at her home.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Dec. 6, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor with Rev. Brian Shepley, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Casket bearers were Jamie Claeys, Michael Claeys, Trent Claeys, Chris Steele, Tim Steele and Todd Vittetoe. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Memorials may be directed to St. Bridget's Catholic Church. The Smith Funeral Home of Victor handled arrangements.

Dorothy was born on April 13, 1924, near Brooklyn, to Remi and Mary LaKose Wauters. She was raised on the family farm near Brooklyn and attended rural school.

Dorothy enjoyed her grandchildren and family reunions, gardening, needlework, fishing, making noodles, angel food cake and clown dolls.

On Jan. 2, 1945, she was married to August Claeys in Brooklyn. The couple farmed for 35 years southwest of Victor and moved into Victor in 1980. She was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of the church, and the Victor American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Betty Jo and John Steele of Cedar Rapids, Dennis and Jane Claeys of Victor, David and Linda Claeys of Victor, Mary and Bernie Vittetoe of Keota and Rick and Carole Claeys of Keystone; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Margaret DeGeeter of Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one granddaughter, Brooke Claeys; and one brother, Achiel Wauters.



B.C. Dec 13, 2006