

Mearl W. Heitmann, 91

Funeral services for Mearl W. Heitmann, 91, Williamsburg, were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at Trinity United Church of Christ, rural Marengo. She died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Marengo Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

The Rev. Lynne Bisson officiated at the service.

Burial was in Genoa Bluff Cemetery, rural Ladora. Casket bearers were Michael Heitmann, Colby Jacoby, Sean Heitmann, Damen Heitmann, Michael Cunningham and Gary Birdwell.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Iowa City, the American Cancer Society or Trinity United Church of Christ Building Fund.

Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

Mearl Wilhelmina Heitmann was born April 22, 1915, in Lincoln Township, Iowa County, the daughter of Theo and Dora Schmidt Van Hamme. She graduated from Victor High School in 1932.

She married Harry Heitmann on Jan. 8, 1936, in Victor. She was a homemaker, wife and mother. She enjoyed baking, crochet work, music, piano and organ, and writing daily in her diary. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sunshine Circle.

Heitmann is survived by two sons and their wives, Russell and Susan Heitmann of Williamsburg, and David and Karen Heitmann of Victor; three daughters and their husbands, Donna and Juris Poncius of Tucson, Ariz., Kathryn Heitmann of Williamsburg, and Teresa and Dennis Birdwell of Iowa Falls; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Colleen Heitmann and Nancy and Colby Jacoby, all of Williamsburg, Rachel and Michael Cunningham of LeMars, Sean and Megan Heitmann of Marshalltown, Damen Heitmann of New Brighton, Minn., Karlana and Alfredo Leal and Alexandra Poncius, all of Tucson, Steven and Janette Birdwell of Altoona, and Gary and Katie Birdwell of Urbandale; and 11 great-grandchildren, Kristin and Matthew Heitmann, Ethan and Kayte Jacoby, Kathryn and Karina Cunningham, Abigail, Jackson and Jensen Birdwell and Emma and Josie Birdwell.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Kenneth, who died March 25, 1970, in the Vietnam Conflict; one brother, Harvey; and two sisters, Esther Blomme and Estella Meyer.

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