Mardell Lewis, 89

Funeral services for Mardell Lewis, 89, of Belle Plaine, were held Feb. 17, 2007, at Hrabak Funeral Home in Belle Plaine with the Rev. David Crow officiating. Burial was in Koszta Cemetery. Mrs. Lewis died Feb. 14, at Brooklyn Community Estates following a brief illness.

Pallbearers were Dan White, Tony Whited, Chuck Whited, Jim Straight, Steve McGrane, Toby Taylor and Nick Novak. Honorary pallbearers were Teresa Lucey, Angela White, Cher Peterson, Tammy McGrane, Kim Taylor, Bob Toney, Paula Straight and Amanda Straight. Musical selections were CDs.

Mardell Lewis was born June 15, 1917, the daughter of Charles and Bertha Belle Crawford Lahman. She received her education at Belle Plaine. She married Merritt Lewis on Oct. 26, 1946, at Toledo. He preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 1992. She was a housewife and worked at the Lincoln Cafe and Amana Bread Factory. She was born and raised in Belle Plaine and moved to Brooklyn one and one-half months ago. She was a former member of the Royal Neighbor and Camping Clubs, and she also helped at RSVP. She enjoyed dancing, camping, going to stock car races and country western music. A special interest was CB radio, where she was known as "Little Sparrow". She also enjoyed doing crafts and playing cards.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Lewis (Don) of Mineral Point, Wis., Chuck Whited (Pat) of Phoenix, Ariz., Kathryn Richards (Eldon) of Montour, Mary White (Bob) of Brooklyn, and Dorothy Lewis (Richard) of Bennett, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Vernon; and a sister, Belva Mae.

Hrabak Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.