Dorothy Schwiebert, 90

Celebration of life services for Dorothy Schwiebert, 90, Williamsburg, were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at First Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg. She died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, after suffering from an age-related illness.

The Rev. James Parks officiated at the service. Organist was David Kvenstrom. Musical selections were "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." Burial was in Victor Immanuel Cemetery, rural Victor. Casket bearers were Russell Heitmann, David Reid, Michael Heitmann, Colby Jacoby, Mark Caron and Thomas Reid.

Memorials may be made to the music ministry of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Williamsburg. Uhlmann-Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Williamsburg, was in charge of arrangements. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com, under obituaries.

Dorothy Schwiebert was born Sept. 8, 1916, the daughter of Alfred and Alice Jones James. She was raised in Williamsburg and graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1933. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, and taught rural school for two years, until she was married.

She married Glen Schwiebert, Victor, Sept. 15, 1938, at the Congregational Church, Williamsburg. After their marriage, they moved to a farm south of Victor, where they lived for 15 years until he was killed in a farm accident in 1954.

Following his death, she and her daughters moved to Victor and she returned to teaching. She continued her education, earning hours toward her degree, which she received from Drake University in 1967.

She taught seventh grade and elementary music for Victor public schools, which became HLV, from 1955 to 1962. When she moved to Des Moines, she taught in the Urbandale schools from 1962 until retiring in 1979. She moved to a Kansas City retirement home near her daughter Margery in 1997.

She returned to Williamsburg and resided at Highland Ridge Assisted Living Center in 2004, near her other daughter Susan.

During her lifetime, she was a member of the Congregational Church, Williamsburg; Victor Immanuel Methodist Church; Grace United Methodist Church, Des Moines, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Williamsburg. She was a member of P.E.O. Chapter CN and the Eastern Star.

She loved music and had special musical talents which she loved sharing with others until the end of her life. She will be fondly remembered for all the joy she brought to people with her beautiful voice and piano playing.

Schwiebert is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Susan and Russell Heitmann of Williamsburg, and Margery and David Reid of Lenexa, Kan.; five grandchildren, Michael Heitmann and wife Colleen, Nancy Heitmann-Jacoby and husband Colby, all of Williamsburg, Ellen Reid of Overland Park, Kan., Emily Reid Caron and husband Mark of Olathe, Kan., and Thomas Reid, currently of Madrid, Spain; and four great-grandchildren, Kristin and Mathew Heitmann and Ethan and Kayte Jacoby.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Floyd and Orlen James; and two sisters, Lovera Aulick and Luella Hopp.