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Velma E. Bringmann Koehn, 90

Velma E. Bringmann Koehn, 90, of Brooklyn and formerly of Ladora, died on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at St. John Lutheran Church near Victor, with Pastor David MacKain officiating. Casket Bearers were Butch, Don, Logan and Jacob Bringmann, Joshua Meeks and Aaron Westmeyer. Organist was Marna Mohr, and vocalists were Samantha and Amber Bringmann. A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., Monday, at the Victor Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences to the family may be sent via: www.smithfh.com.

Velma was born on April 2, 1919, in Davenport, to Charles and Ethyl Porter Hartgrave.

On Jan. 9, 1937, she was married to Willie Bringmann in Moline, Ill. The couple farmed in the Guernsey, Victor and Ladora areas, and moved into Ladora in 1965.

Following the death of her husband in 1986, she was later married to Ervin Koehn. The couple resided at Ladora, and she has lived at Brooklyn Community Estate since November of 2002.

Velma was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, and she enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, raising flowers, dancing, reading, walking, camping and fishing.

She is survived by her husband, Ervin Koehn of Marengo; one son, LeRoy (Jan) Bringmann of Victor; her step-children, Ken (Ty) Koehn of Montezuma, Betty (Ross) York of Ladora, Dan (Di) Koehn, Mary (Todd) Becker, Rick (Patsy) Koehn and Ed Koehn, all of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren, Butch (Renee) Bringmann, LeAnn (Darrell) Meeks, Don (Diane) Bringmann, David Bringmann and Denise Henry; eight great-grandchildren, Samantha, Amber and Jacob Bringmann, Joshua Meeks, Rebecca (Aaron) Westmeyer, Amy Kauffman, and Logan and Kelcy Bringmann; one great-great-grandson, Richard Westmeyer; several step-grandchildren; two brothers, Bob (Anna) Hartgrave of Fairfax, and Jim Hartgrave of Cedar Rapids; and three sisters, Naomi Kleinmeyer of North English, Franny Porter and Betty Craddock, both of Vinton; one brother-in-law, Ed Craddock of Vinton; and one sister-in-law, Irene Hartgrave of Cedar Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; one son, Richard Bringmann; five brothers, Harold, Chuck, Clarence, Clyde and Billy Hartgrave; and two sisters, Thelma Seeman (her twin sister), and Mary Craddock.

