Dorothy Hartwig

Dorothy J. Hartwig, 87, of Aurelia died Friday, May 29, 2009, at Cherokee Regional Medical Center in Cherokee.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 1, at First United Methodist Church in Aurelia with the Rev. Missy Brown officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Aurelia. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Aurelia or to the Aurelia Heritage Society.

She was born July 21, 1921, the daughter of Frank and Louise Luetheman Mohr in Arlington, S.D. Her family moved to Iowa in 1922 and she graduated from Brooke High School, rural Peterson, then assisted in several homes in the area. She was united in marriage with John Hartwig on March 28, 1943, at St. John’s Church, Brooke Township.

During World War II, she traveled with her husband’s unit to Oregon, Washington, Texas and South Carolina. When the unit was sent to construct the ALCAN Highway in Canada, she moved to Cherokee. After the war they became farmers and moved to a farm near Aurelia. She was an active member of First Methodist Church, a past member of the Aurelia Library Board and the Aurelia Heritage Society. She also belonged to Maple Valley Friendship Club and various bridge clubs.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Kolpin of Grinnell and Shirley Pierce of Aurelia; six grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and three sisters, Vera Stieneke of Cherokee, Phyllis Boatman of Waterloo and Marcella Stout of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John in 1983 and her sister Harriet Zarr.