Evelyn (Lynn) Jean Saey, 81


A funeral mass will be held at 12 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor. Inurnment will be at the Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. A rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Evelyn was born on April 16, 1928, at the homestead of Iowa County and the township of Lincoln, to Louis Charles and Lucille Moore Blomme. She was raised and educated in Victor where she was a 1945 graduate of St John's Catholic School.

Evelyn was married to Edward R. Saey on Aug. 6, 1946, at St. Bridget Church of Victor, and the couple farmed north of Victor for several years.

Evelyn enjoyed her music, learned to play at age 10, and never gave it up. She was able to play the steel guitar and the accordion, and she would also sing and whistle to the song of choice. She played with her childhood friend, Evelyn Misel. They were better known as the “Singing Evelyns,” and they played for several elder care centers, as well as a few gatherings when requested. She loved to see the people clapping their hands and tapping their feet to the music. Her other loves were singing in church choirs, volunteering, crafts and reading. Evelyn was the most selfless person anyone could have ever had the pleasure of meeting. She was loved by all that ever met her, and will never be forgotten.

Evelyn was very much involved with her family, it was important for her to stay in touch with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild, and her siblings and their families, as well as her long time friends.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Jean Saey of Minnesota, Janet (Lou) Daigle of Canada, Daniel Saey of Iowa, Dena (Karl) Hug of Nevada, Barbie Sukiiari of Utah, and Billy (Heather) Davis of Texas; one brother, Harold Blomme of Colorado; and one sister, Joanne Landuyt of Iowa; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and expecting three more great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; along with many nieces and nephews.

Evelyn had many life-long friends, and will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbors.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Joyce E. Saey; and one brother, Raymond Blomme.
Margaret Main, 88

Margaret Main, 88, of Lenexa, Kan., passed away peacefully on May 12, 2009. Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee. Burial followed at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Margaret was born July 3, 1920, in Montezuma, the daughter of Anna Tish. She attended school through the tenth-grade. Growing up, she was a member of West Liberty Church of Christ in West Grove.

Margaret was united in marriage to Roland E. Main on Oct. 12, 1940. To this union was born four sons, and three daughters.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, was an honorary Local 101 Retiree, and a member of the Old Time Pickers, Fiddlers, and Singers. She was also a member of the Berea Class of the Merriam Christian Church.

Margaret was preceded in death by her mother; by her husband of 60 years; by her son, Garold Main; and her daughter, Donna Mead. She was also preceded in death by four grandsons, Michael Heydman, Josh Uhlig, Jeffrey Davis, and Roland H. Main II.

She is survived by her sons, Dolbert (Lee) Main, Rick (Mary Ellen) Main, and Marvin (Linda) Main; daughters, Judy (Ben) Dobbs; and Roxanna (Ken) Uhlig; 13 grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives, as well as her extended family at Sunrise Assisted Living.

Condolences may be expressed at www.amosfamily.com, the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee.
Cheribel Schmidt, 81

Cheribel Schmidt, 81, of Victor, died on Sunday, May 31, 2009, with her family members present, at the Marengo Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, at St. John's Lutheran Church near Victor, with the Rev. David MacKain, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Marna Mohr. Casket Bearers will be her grandchildren, Joel, Paul, David, Kyle and Mark Schmidt, Cari Chitick and Sarah Haman. Interment will be at the St. John's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor beginning at noon on Tuesday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church, or to the American Cancer Society.

Cheribel was born on March 23, 1928, in Marengo, to Cecil and Dolly Stucker Dillin. She was raised in Marengo, and graduated from Marengo High School with the Class of 1946.

On Nov. 26, 1950, she was married to Harold Schmidt in Marengo. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm southeast of Victor. She was a homemaker and 4-H leader.

Cheribel was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and served in the choir, Ladies Aid, and was the church secretary. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers and needlework.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Schmidt of Victor; her children, John (Karen) Schmidt of Alta, Barbara (Randy) Haman of Marengo, and Tom (Judy) Schmidt of Peoria, Ill.; seven grandchildren; one sister, Odene Hadky of Marengo; and one brother, John Bruce Dillin of Marengo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, C.R. "Bob" Dillin, and George Dillin.
Maxine Dunnick, 97

A celebration of life for Maxine Dunnick, 97, will be held on June 9, at 10:30 a.m., at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Maxine, of Grinnell and formerly of Montezuma, passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at the Mayflower Health Center in Grinnell. A private internment was held at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Ruth Maxine Dunnick, daughter of Elba Richards Mott and Aaron L. Leydens was born May 18, 1911, in New Sharon. Maxine attended New Sharon High School, graduating in 1929, with a normal training certificate. She taught three years at Lundt Country School southwest of New Sharon. She was united in marriage to Elmer Dunnick on Jan. 5, 1933, in Des Moines. To this union three children were born: Laurel, Veta and Ivan. They farmed in the Prairie City area, and then west of Montezuma. In 1942, they settled on a 140 acre farm near Deep River until Elmer’s death in 1968. During this time, Maxine was active in the Farm Bureau Women’s Group, the Deep River Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She always raised a large garden, shared and canned the produce. She later moved into Montezuma and worked as a cook at the Montezuma School until retiring in 1980. In January of 1998, she moved to residential care at the Mayflower Homes in Grinnell. Maxine enjoyed bus tours, senior citizens activities and country music.

Maxine’s memory is honored by her three children, Laurel (Dixie) Dunnick of Frisco, Texas, Veta (Richard) Hildebrand of Marion, and Ivan (Sue) Dunnick of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents; and her daughter-in-law, Dixie Dunnick.

Mayflower Homes and the Alzheimers Association have been designated as memorials.