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 Martha Mohr. Casket Bearers will be her grandchildren, Joel, Paul, David, Kyle and Mark Schmidt, Cari Chittick 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, Odena Hladky 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.