

Elvera Burch

The daughter of Eugene and Ella Wade Otcheck, Elvera was born May 4, 1900, southwest of Grinnell. She was raised in Newton and later moved to Grinnell, where she was graduated from Grinnell High School. Following her education, she taught rural school near Ewart.

On April 12, 1925, she was married to Harley H. Burch in Grinnell. The couple lived in Brooklyn and Elvera taught school. She also was associated with her husband in the operation of an insurance and real estate business in Brooklyn. From 1961 to 1971, she was city clerk of Brooklyn. Following the death of her husband, she moved to the Mayflower Home in Grinnell.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, the Columbian Study Club, the Rebekah Lodge, Chapter AK of PEO, and the Brooklyn Business Girl's Club.

She is survived by her sister, Helen V. Callen of Marshalltown; one nephew, Kenneth Callen; three nieces, Jane Brown, Judie Otcheck, and Susie Schmidt; and her great-nieces and nephews, Stephanie, Kellie, Nicholas, Kevin, Jo-Ellen, Kati, Samantha, and Brittany Kay.

Elvera died Jan. 20, at Grinnell Hospital at 94 years of age. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Opal, and three brothers, Forrest, Fred, and Russell Otcheck.

Services were held Jan. 23 at Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell.

Rev. Dorie Hanson, pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, was officiant.

Organist was Mrs. Alice Renaud, and vocalist Mr. Milton Severe. Selections were "In The Garden", "Old Rugged Cross", "How Great Thou Art", and "On Eagles Wings".

Casket bearers were Kenneth Callen, Jack Hall, Lyle Nesselroad, Dean Montgomery, Robert Ryan and Steve Schmidt.

Honorary bearers were Mark Hainey, Dave Inman, Dan McConnell, David McConnell, Richard Smith and Valentino Zepeda.

Interment was at Brooklyn Cemetery.

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January 23, 1995

Elvira Irene Burch

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Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dorie Hanson, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and soloist was Milton Severe. Pallbearers were Kenneth Callen, Jack Hall, Lyle Nesselroad, Dean Montgomery, Robert Ryan and Steve Schmidt. Honorary bearers were Mark Hainey, Dave Inman, Dan McConnell, David McConnell, Richard Smith and Valentino Zepeda.

Burial was in Brooklyn Cemetery.

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January 25, 1995