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Irene Hurd

Memorial services were held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home for Irene Hurd, 83, of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Hurd died Monday, Dec. 9, 1996, in Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha.

Carol Wehr, associate pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, officiated. Honorary casketbearers were Jim Miller, Willis Miller, Dean Miller, Terry Roberts, Frank Miller, Russ Blomme, David Maxwell and Richard Maxwell. Burial of the cremains was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Irene Josephine Hurd was born on April 24, 1913, near Brooklyn, Iowa. She was the daughter of Frank and Effa Carlson Miller.

She attended rural school before transferring to Hartwick Consolidated Schools, where she graduated from high school in 1931. She then attended what is now the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, graduating in 1933. She taught at a rural school and later at Truro and Carsen, Iowa.

She married James Hurd on Oct. 29, 1939, at her parents' home. Born to the marriage were four children, Bill, Lois, Jim and a daughter Irene, who was still-born.

After the death of her husband in 1955, she attended Omaha University, receiving a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education, while teaching full time. She taught at Indian Hill Elementary School in Omaha until her retirement in 1978.

She was a 60-year member of Deborah Rebekah Lodge of Brooklyn, a charter member and officer of the Deer Park Neighborhood Association, an active member of the South Omaha Horticultural Society, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an educational honorary, and formerly a deaconess of the Castelar Presbyterian Church. Other special interests included china painting and ceramics.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Irene, her husband, Jim, her parents, three brothers, Paul, Ted and Elver, and one sister, Francis Maxwell.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Nancy; their children, Brian and wife Sherri, David, Stephen and wife Elizabeth, and Jennifer; her daughter Lois; her son Jim; his children, Christine and William; her sister, Lois Doty of Brooklyn; her sisters-in-law, Anna and Daisy Miller; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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