

Melissa M. Roberts (CLIFFORD)

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, Sept. 27, in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn, for Mrs. Melissa M. Roberts, 95, of Brooklyn, who died Wednesday night, Sept. 24, 1997. The Rev. Robert Cutbirth officiated and the musician was Beverly Vaverka. A special selection was "How Great Thou Art."

Casketbearers were Lyle Oswood, Max Montgomery, John LaKose, Bob McCulley, Jim Rhinehart and Don Brannian. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Melissa Mae McMullin Roberts, daughter of Arthur and Grace Shupe McMullin, was born April 27, 1902, in Monroe County.

She attended a country school near her home and was a graduate of the Blakesburg High School. She was a college graduate with a four year degree from Mt. Morris, Ill.

She was married to Clifford C. Roberts on April 20, 1935, in Ottumwa. She taught school for 33 years in Monroe County and at BGM Schools of Brooklyn. She retired from teaching in 1965. Melissa and her husband then operated Roberts Dime Store retiring in 1974. Later in 1974 they opened Book, Card & Gift Shop in Brooklyn and operated it until April of 1976. They have been residents of Brooklyn for the past 47 years.

Mrs. Roberts was a member of the Church of the Brethren of Brooklyn where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship, BBB, Columbian Club and Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Lou Roberts who died at the age of five months; four sisters; four brothers; and one granddaughter, Kathleen Ann Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford; one daughter and her husband, Donna and Dale Smith of Brooklyn; one son, James Roberts of Glendale, Ariz.; one sister, Icle Moyle of Des Moines; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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