

Martha G. Schlesselman, 94

Martha Gesina (geboren Schmidt) Schlesselman, 94, Deep River, passed away May 5 at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A funeral service was Wednesday, May 8, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Deep River, with the Rev. Cory Rajek officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River, and a memorial has been established for Calvary Lutheran Church. Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home.

Casket bearers were Robert Schlesselman, Raymond Schlesselman, Shannon Zimmerman, Carl Schlesselman, Meile Schmidt, Randy Ranfeld and Melvin Ranfeld. **1908**

Martha was born March 8 in Iowa Township, Iowa County Homestead, the daughter of William F. Christian Schmidt (geboren Hissenk'a'mper) and Gesine Ahrens.

She married Martin J.H. Schlesselman March 8, 1931, at Trinity Lutheran at Conroy. They moved to the farm at Deep River where they lived until Martin moved to the New Sharon Care Center and later the Montezuma Senior Home. Martha joined Martin at the home on Oct. 26, 1989. She was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church at Deep River and the Calvary L.W.M.L. She also taught Sunday school 25 continuous years and was a past member of the Busy Bee Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers, Henry, Harold, Paul and Truman Schmidt.

Martha is survived three sons, Laverne of Deep River; Cecil of Urbandale; and Gilbert of Ottumwa; one sister, Frieda Rummelhart of Iowa City; one daughter, Darlene Peck of Tipton; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren

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