

Mrs. Madeleine Herbrandt, 91

Mrs. Madeleine Herbrandt, 91, of Brooklyn, died Thursday, September 23, 2004, at Friendship Manor Care Center, Grinnell.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 27, 2004, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Brian J. Shepley and the Rev. William Reynolds officiating.

The casket bearers were Chris Gritsch, Roger Van Renterghem, Ken Morton, Ross McCormick, Larry Van Ervelde and Robert Collum. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established.

Madeleine Stephanie Lavent Herbrandt was born May 4, 1913, to Rene Lavent and Mary Malfait Lavent, in Astene, Belgium. She came to Brooklyn in 1928 to join her family.

She was married to Frank John Herbrandt on April 15, 1936, at St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn. They were the parents of three daughters: Loretta, Francine and Patricia.

Following their marriage, the couple farmed north of Brooklyn for five years. Then they farmed near Victor for three years, and then returned north of Brooklyn before they bought their farm south of Brooklyn where they lived for many years.

Madeleine was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. Her faith and family were very important to Madeleine, and she enjoyed her garden and flowers.

Her parents, her husband, two brothers, Marcel and George, and a sister, Margaret DeVilder, preceded her in death.

Surviving are her three daughters and their husbands, Loretta and Roger Gritsch of Brooklyn, Francine and Denny Austin of Iowa City, and Patricia and Norm Kaus of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; one brother, Valere Lavent and his wife, Francine, of Brooklyn; a sister-in-law, Joyce Lavent, of Belle Plaine; four grandchildren, Carrie McCormick, Angie Gritsch, Beth Morton and Chris Gritsch; and eight great-grandchildren, Shannon, Kevin and Willson McCormick, Samuel and Lucas Morton, and Spencer, Kyle and Rylie Gritsch.

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