

## Arlet Corrine Baustian,

Arlet Corrine Baustian, 90, of North Platte, Neb., and formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

Funeral services were held at Messiah Lutheran Church in North Platte on Friday, Oct. 30, and burial was at Fort McPherson National Cemetery. A memorial has been established at the Messiah Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

Arlet was born April 23, 1919, on her parents' farm near Fenton, Iowa, to Chester and Christina Meling Skaar. She went to a country school near Cylinder, then in Paullina and Primghar, and graduated from Primghar High School in 1938. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College, now the University of Northern Iowa, and graduated in 1945. She taught in various schools in Iowa, and was a lifeguard and swimming instructor in the summers.

Arlet married Harlan David Baustian on Dec. 31, 1952, at Primghar. She taught at Parker Elementary School in Grinnell during from 1953 to 1955, then in Des Moines while Harlan, a Korean War vet, completed his business degree at Drake University.

The couple moved to Minnesota in 1958, where Arlet continued teaching as a substitute until her growing family kept her at home — first came David, then Paul, and finally Melia. Ten years later they moved to Robinson, Ill., where she taught full time.

From 1974 to 1987, the couple operated a Coast to Coast store — first in Aurora, Neb., and later in North Platte. Arlet continued to teach as a substitute even into her 80s, because she loved teaching so much.

Arlet was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Women's Circle and Knotty Ladies Quilting. She also belonged to the American Association of University Women, the Retired Teachers Association and the League of Women Voters. She liked sports, the Cornhuskers and especially enjoyed being with her family. She was known as the Uff-Da gal.

Survivors include her husband Harlan and daughter Melia of North Platte; her sons, David Baustian of Omaha, and Paul Baustian of Norfolk, Neb.; a sister, Alice Skaar of Primghar; two brothers, Harold Skaar of Primghar, and Donald Skaar of North Oak, Minn.; eight grandchildren, and many other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Bernette Skaar; and her brother, Arnold Skaar.

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