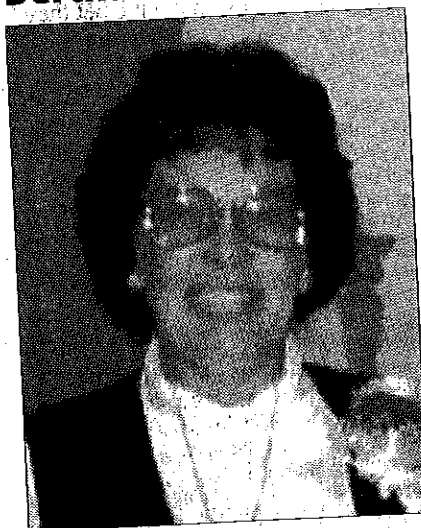


## Bertha M. Chamra



Bertha M. Chamra, 76, of Newton died at her home Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Services were held Thursday, July 14, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton, and burial was in Westfield Cemetery in rural Grinnell.

Memorials to the Jasper County Animal Rescue League and Humane Society, Hospice of Jasper County or to Meals on Wheels may be left at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Lambs Grove, the daughter of Jesse James and Alice Elizabeth Smool Bayles. She was a lifelong resident of the Poweshiek and Jasper County area, working as a homemaker, in-home care provider and CNA.

She enjoyed horseback-riding, and was a member of the Trail Riders Club and the Pony Express. She also enjoyed bingo, cooking, thrift-shopping and fishing and was an avid animal lover, always owning one or more dogs, most recently Abbie and Lacy.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie Schwabe of Newton and Wanda Jones of Lansing, Ill.; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and four brothers, Loren, Glenn, Delbert Ray and Harvey Bales.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Christopher Barkley and Roger Lee Miller; and one sister, Lila Bernice Bayles.