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Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 8, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor with the Rev. Brian Shepley, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist and Anna Upah, soloist. Casket Bearers were Brian Behrens, Kevin and Kraig DeMeulenaere, Eric Henry, A.J., Adam, Chad, Dale, David, Dennis and Jared Pirkl. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery at Victor with the Smith Funeral Home of Victor in charge of arrangements.



Memorials may be directed to the Calvary Cemetery of Victor or to Rose Haven Nursing Home of Marengo.

Charlotte was born on March 14, 1923, on the family farm near Keswick, to John and Charlotte Wagner O'Rourke. She attended rural school and graduated with the Class of 1941 from Keswick High School. She attended a beauty school in Ottumwa following high school.

On Jan. 23, 1942, she was married to Charles Edward Pirkl in Williamsburg. The couple operated a grain and dairy farm south of Victor for 35 years. Charlotte was a mother of eight children and assisted with the farm operation. She also worked part-time as a hairdresser in her younger years.

She was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church, the O.C.C.W. and the Altar and Rosary Society. She enjoyed dancing in her early years, attending her children's sporting and school activities and taking bus tours with her friends. She was also an avid St. Louis Cardinal and Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Survivors include her children, Charlene (Wayne) DeMeulenaere of Hartwick, Bill (Phyllis) Pirkl of North English, Jim (Mary) Pirkl of Belle Plaine, Tom (Linda) Pirkl of Grinnell, Shirley Behrens of Marengo, and Bob Pirkl, Don (Diane) Pirkl and Paul (Patty) Pirkl, all of Victor; 23 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Agnew of Williamsburg.

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Friends may call at Saint Bridget Catholic Church beginning 3 p.m. Thursday and the family will be present at the church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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