

Eulalia L. Bates, 78



Eulalia Lucille Garrett Bates, 78, of Sigourney, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005.

Her funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 12, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with

Pastor Douglas Morton of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was at the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Billy George, Kathryn Musel, Adam Talbert, Dan Talbert, Jason Fisher, Tom Byers, Michelle Garoutte, Terri George and Jaime Fisher.

Eulalia was born June 30, 1927 in rural Iowa County, Guernsey, the daughter of George and Lilia (Bayer) Martens. She attended St. John's Parochial School south of Victor. On Sept. 27, 1946, she was united in marriage with Eugene Garrett at St. John's Lutheran Church.

To this union five children were born, Dixie, Diane, Deborah, Dana and David. Gene and Eulalia owned and operated the E & E Cafe in Deep River for several years. She was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, both in Deep River. Eugene passed away in January 1994. On March 17, 1995 she was united in marriage with Gerald Bates.

Eulalia is survived by her family: husband Gerald Bates of Sigourney; children Dixie and Burt Byers of Amana, Diane and David George of Keswick; Deborah and Tom Gregory of Montezuma; Dana Talbert and her fiancé Mike Watkins of Grinnell, and David and Ann Garrett of Grimes; a stepson, Glen Bates of Deep River; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Merita Brecht of Marengo; three brothers, Merle Martens of West Des Moines, Oris Martens of West Amana, and Fred Martens of Marengo, and other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Eugene; and a grandson, Matthew Talbert.