

Lois Irene Gerard, 89

Mrs. Lois Irene Gerard, 89, of Brooklyn, died on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at Brooklyn Community Estates, Brooklyn.

Funeral services for Lois Gerard were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 21, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. Dale Schwechel of Austinville officiated, and the musician was Marilyn Kriegel. Joan Gerard and Charity Wilkerson presented a medley of hymns. Honorary casket-bearers were Stanley Walford and Dean Lippincott. Casket-bearers were Joshua Gerard, Bill Wilkerson, Darrel Heetland, Lyle Oswood, Roland McCombs and Gary Hash. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established.

Lois Irene (Lockard) Gerard was born on June 16, 1915, on a farm in Mahaska County near New Sharon. Her parents were Samuel A. Lockard and Platonina A. (Allgood) Lockard.

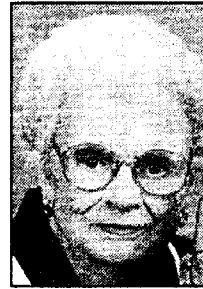
Lois received her education in a rural school. On March 15, 1938, Lois married Paul B. Gerard in Oskaloosa. They were the parents of one son, Roger.

On October 15, 1945, Paul and Lois, and his brother, Eldon, bought the feed store in Brooklyn. Lois helped with the feed store and later became a cook for BGM Schools where she worked until she retired. Mrs. Gerard became a resident of Community Estates in the fall of 2003. Her husband, Paul, died January 16, 2005.

Mrs. Gerard was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church and the South Side Circle. Lois enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, doing crossword puzzles, crocheting, and visiting with neighbors, and she was an avid Cubs fan.

Lois is survived by a son, Roger and wife, Joan of Brooklyn; and two grandchildren, Joshua and wife, Tracey of Tulsa, Okla., and Charity Wilkerson and husband, Bill of Tulsa, Okla.

Her parents; her husband; four brothers, Clyde, Cleo, Ralph and Homer; and three sisters, Artie, Ethel, and Vida preceded her in death.



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