

OBITUARIES

VICTOR RESIDENT

Arlene Frances Heitmann, 92

Arlene Frances Heitmann, 92, of Victor, died July 23, 2017, at Colonial Manor of Amana in Middle Amana.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 28 at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with Rev. David Wilkening, pastor at St. Mary Catholic Church in Williamsburg, officiating. Pallbearers were David Beran, Kenny Blomme, David DeVilder, David Heitmann, Mike Heitmann, Russell Heitmann and Dennis Shine. Organist was Verabeth Bricker and soloist was Deb Davidson. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Visitation Thursday at the funeral home with the family present Thursday evening.

Memorial contribu-

tions may be directed to the Arlene Heitmann Memorial Fund.

Arlene was born February 2, 1925, on a farm southeast of Victor, the daughter of Arthur William and Julia Emily Blomme DeVilder. She lived at the DeVilder home since 1933 and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1942.

After graduation, she worked the summer for Kenneth Thatcher with Farm Bureau in Brooklyn and when he moved his office to Des Moines she decided to stay in Brooklyn to help her father farm. During this time she also helped her three uncles, a cousin and two neighbors make hay when needed.

On October 26, 1946,

she was united in marriage with Karl William Heitmann, a veteran of the United States Navy during WW II, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. The couple farmed southeast of Victor and raised three children, Ronald, Richard and Rhonda. They kept busy with a dairy farm and later converted their business raising stock cows and hens. At one time they had 5000 hens and produced 96 dozen of eggs per week!

Arlene was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Victor American Legion Auxiliary and the H & W Club. She enjoyed playing for houses dances, with

her mother, during the 1930's, 40's and part of the 1950's where she played the accordion, mouth harp, guitar and violin. She enjoyed telling stories, playing cards and socializing with family and friends over a cup of coffee. Her biggest joy was her love for her family and all their activities.

She is survived by two children, Ronald (Debra) Heitmann of Amana and Rhonda (Steven) McCombs of Petersburg, Illinois; one granddaughter, Elsie Heitmann; and one daughter-in law, Judy Heitmann of Reno, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Karl in 2002; her son, Richard in 2017; and a grandson in infancy, Ryan McCombs.