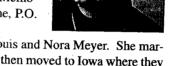
Alice J. Wenzel, 71

Alice Julia Wenzel of Victor died on Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn after a short illness.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 22, at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor with Rev. David MacKain officiating. Interment was at Victor Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Alice J. Wenzel Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, IA 52347.



She was born Nov. 15, 1935, in Bach, Mich., to Louis and Nora Meyer. She married Norbert H. Wenzel on July 15, 1956. The couple then moved to Iowa where they would spend the next 49 years together.

Alice worked as a waitress at Colony Village from 1972 to 1986. She worked as a department manager at Sernettes. She also worked with her husband as a teacher's aid. Before she retired, she worked as a CNA at Marengo Memorial Hospital for eight years. She volunteered much of her free time working with congregate meals and helping a neighbor in need. She was an active member of St James Lutheran Church in Victor where she served as the pastor's office assistant. She also was active in choir and Ladies Aid. She enjoyed classical music, literature, and spending time with her family. She loved to bargain shop, but she was most passionate about her grandchildren. She always had a smile for everyone and a wonderful sense of humor which was her way of making a tough situation easier to handle for those around her. She will always be remembered with a smile and a hint of laughter. Her good nature blessed us all. She will be missed.

Alice is survived by her children: Sheryl (Pat) Dermody of Parnell, Gary Wenzel of Montezuma, Debra (Tom) Kurovski of Victor, and Denise (Kevin) Trueblood of Marengo; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her three sisters, Hilda Koch of Gagetown, Mich., Erma Weber of Frankenmuth, Mich., and Elaine Vokoun of Milwaukee, Wisc.; and one brother, Garhardt Meyer of Napa, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norbert Wenzel in 2005; a brother, Louis Meyer; and two sisters, Ruth Rovaria and Anita Bickley.