

Lois Doty



Lois Doty, 88, of Brooklyn died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Victor on Thursday beginning at 12 noon with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the Lois R. Doty Memorial Fund in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 485 Victor IA 52347. On-line condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

The youngest child of Franklin Myers and Effa Marie Carlson Miller, she was born Oct. 10, 1919, on the family farm near Brooklyn. She attended Brooklyn and Hartwick schools, graduating from Hartwick High School in 1937. She was united in marriage with Abel Francis Doty on Nov. 14, 1948, at the Hartwick Congregational Church. To this union were born four children, Sandy, Becky, Donna and Patti. The marriage ended in divorce. She was a bookkeeper for many years for Doty Electric Company and also worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center as a nursing assistant and then as a housekeeper from 1979 until her retirement in 1995.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn; Deborah Rebekah Lodge since 1940; the Community Welfare Workers Club, and the South Side Circle since 1960. She was a Campfire leader for many years while her children were growing up. She enjoyed helping others in need through volunteering and her work at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She also enjoyed reading, gardening, baking, attending garage sales and auctions, collecting antiques and traveling.

She is survived by her children, Sandy Roberts of Brooklyn, Becky Higdon of Fort Mahave, Ariz.; Dona Muntz of Grinnell and Patti Martin of Abington, Va.; ten grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, Abel Doty; her grandson, Robert Higdon; her brothers, Paul, Ted and Elver and her sisters, Irene and Frances.

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