

Lois Doty, 88

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

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, at Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn with Rev. John Dodds officiating. Interment was at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Lois R. Doty Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, IA 52347. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.



Lois was born the youngest child of Franklin Myers Miller and Effa Marie Carlson Miller on the family farm near Brooklyn on Oct. 10, 1919. She attended Brooklyn and Hartwick schools and graduated from Hartwick High School in 1937.

She was united in marriage to Abel Francis Doty on Nov. 14, 1948, at the Hartwick Congregational Church. To this union four children were born, Sandy, Becky, Donna, and Patti. Their marriage ended in divorce. Lois was a bookkeeper for Doty Electric for many years, and she also worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center as a nursing assistant and then as a housekeeper from 1979 until her retirement in 1995.

Lois was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, the 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. Her family was her life and she enjoyed helping others in need through volunteering and her work at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Her enjoyments included reading, gardening, baking, attending garage sales and auctions, collecting antiques, and traveling.

Lois is survived by her children, Sandy (Terry) Roberts of Brooklyn, Becky (Louie) Higdon of Ft. Mahave, Ariz., Donna (Alan) Muntz of Grinnell, and Patti (Clif) Martin of Abingdon, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Lois 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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