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Dorothy Darlene Bennett Manatt, 86

Dorothy Darlene Bennett Manatt, age 86, of Brooklyn, died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at Brooklyn Community Estate following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, with Chaplain Donita Payne-Hostetler officiating. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established.

She is survived by her children, Mary Sue Kauffman of Holiday Lake, Jim Manatt (Anne) of Brooklyn, Donna Kalinay (Bob) of Chelsea, and Alice Hall (Rick Warden) of Brooklyn; 15 grandchildren, Jeremy and Jennifer Kauffman, Todd and Tom Schmidt, Marcy Van Meter, Kim, Jackie, and Jamie Manatt, Tina and Buck Austin, Amy Holland, Craig Kalinay, Sonny and Scott Hall, and Serena Morehead; 23 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Osborne (Gene) of Brooklyn, and Mary Van Hamme (Bob Hupfeld) of Belle Plaine.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James C. Manatt; a daughter, Connie Manatt Schmidt; a brother, John Bennett; a sister, Ruth Ehlers; and a son-in-law, Lowell Kauffman.

Dorothy Darlene Bennett was born March 26, 1923, in Poweshiek County, the daughter of Bernie and Anna Iezek Bennett. She received her education in the Poweshiek County schools and married James Cyril Manatt on June 20, 1942, in Cedar Rapids. Besides being a wonderful wife and "the best mom," Dorothy did painting and hung wallpaper. She enjoyed bowling, gardening, growing roses, and caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be extended to the family via the Web site www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

