

Frieda Backen

Frieda E. Backen, 74, of Tama died Thursday, Feb. 15, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at St. John Lutheran Church in rural Tama, with the Rev. Ann Webb officiating. The Mason-Hand Funeral Home of Tama was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Church or the American Cancer Society.

The daughter of John and Wilhelmina Wiese Backen, she was born Dec. 19, 1915, near Tama. She attended rural school and graduated from Tama High School. She received training as a nurse at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines. She had been employed as a nurse in Evanston, Ill.; Bremerton, Wash.; Los Angeles Calif.; St. Thomas Mercy Hospital in Marshalltown; and St. Francis and Grinnell General hospitals in Grinnell. She retired in 1986 and moved to Tama.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Nurses Association.

Surviving are a son, LeRoy Hahn of Babenhausen, West Germany; a granddaughter; and three sisters, Clara Reeder of Tama, Irma Vail of Albany, Ore., and Ruth Manatt of Brooklyn. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edwin and Arthur; and a sister, Hilda Graff.