

Irene Mary Holan (HENRY J)

Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, July 29, at the Rector Cemetery, rural Chelsea, for Irene Mary Holan, 88, of Brookhaven Nursing Home, formerly of Belle Plaine, who died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at Brookhaven. The Rev. Al Wagner of First Congregational United Church of Christ officiated.

Irene was born on June 14, 1912, at rural Guernsey, the daughter of Charles and Mary Schrader Neitzel. She attended schools in the Guernsey area.

She was married to Henry J. Holan on Feb. 11, 1940, in Cedar Rapids. Together they farmed in the hills south of Chelsea. After Henry's death on Oct. 10, 1956, Irene continued to live on the farm and then later moved into Belle Plaine. She entered Brookhaven in April of 1996.

She was employed for many years at the Beverly Manor Nursing Home as a nurses' aide and also gave nursing care to people in private homes. Irene was always willing to help others, and spent many hours at her job, often working double shifts at the nursing home.

On Oct. 25, 1985, Irene was baptized and became a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Belle Plaine, where she was a member of Women's Society of Christian Service.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded by five brothers, Orrie, William, Alva, Lawrence and Eldon Neitzel.

She is survived by her son, Donald, of Belle Plaine, grandson Donald Joe Andres, and two great-granddaughters, Krystol Marie and Regina Lee Andrews, also special friends, Lucille Blount and Linda and Bill Vileta, and several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be given to Christ United Methodist Church of Belle Plaine. Hrabak Funeral Home of Belle Plaine was in charge of arrangements.

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