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Beulah 'Bea' Read BC June 9, 1999

Mrs. Beulah "Bea" Read, 82, of Okoboji, formerly of Brooklyn, died Sunday, May 30, 1999, in her home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, June 1, at the United Methodist Church, Spirit Lake, with the Revs. James Stiles and Scott Holmes officiating.

Funeral services were also held Wednesday, June 2, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. Alan Hafner, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Victor, officiated. The organist was Marilyn Kriegel and the congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "This is My Father's World."

Casket bearers were Jason Bagwell, Casey Cooney, Shane Cooney, Shawn Koehn, Steven Koehn, Jarrod Lawson, Hud Smith and Tom Thul. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Beulah "Bea" Read, the daughter of Arthur and Mattie (Jacobs) Coburn, was born April 20, 1917, in Brooklyn. She was raised in Brooklyn, attending Brooklyn Public School, where she graduated in 1935.

Bea was married to Chalmer Read in 1936, and the couple farmed for two years before moving to Brooklyn, where they lived until 1958. The family then moved to Algona, where they opened their own furniture business, Read's Furniture Inc., where Bea was the office manager.

Upon their retirement in 1982, they wintered in Arizona, and made their permanent home in Okoboji.

Bea was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church, where she was active teaching Sunday school and Bible school. She was also a charter member of the Emanon Club. She loved homemaking, craft work, sewing, and most of all, her family.

She was preceded by one sister, two brothers, and one grandson.

Survivors include her husband, Chalmer, of Okoboji; her daughters, Kae Koehn, and her husband, Vernon, of Victor, and Sherry Lawson, and her husband, Lee, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Birdie Coburn; and a sister, Dorothy Coburn.