



Hometown Obituaries

Millie Bartels, 84

Millie Bartels of Hawarden, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at the Hillcrest Health Care Center in Hawarden.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Hawarden with the Rev. Barb Joy officiating. Burial will follow in the Grace Hill Cemetery. Visitation will begin at

noon Tuesday, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. followed by visitation with the family until 8:30 p.m. at the Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden. Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Millie was born Sept. 13, 1925, in Yankton, SD, the daughter of Peter Lyle and Ruth (Rifenbark) Thompson. She was raised in Hawarden and graduated from Hawarden High School in 1942.

Millie was the chief telephone operator with AT&T from 1942 until 1960.

Millie married Allen Bartels on April 6, 1957 in Hawarden. She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Xi Delta Mu Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi. She volunteered for many years at the Hawarden Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store and she very much enjoyed shopping. Allen passed away July 28, 1995.

Millie is survived by her daughter, Tina Peterson of Canton, SD and her children, Danica, Amanda, Ian, and Kyle and granddaughter, Rian; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Hovey and her husband, Steve of Austin, MN and her children, Mackenzie, Maggie, and Marissa; her brother, Lyle Thompson of Hawarden; her sister, Lura Gayer and her husband, Robert of Rock Valley, IA; and many nephews and nieces.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Bob; sister, Marge Molzen and her husband, Glenn; and sister-in-law, Jan Thompson.

Lois Katherine Rose, 96

Lois Katherine Rose of Ireton passed away Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at the Sioux Center Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 27 at the United Methodist Church in Ireton with the Rev. Barb Joy officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Porter Funeral Home in Ireton was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Mrs. Rose, the former Lois Katherine Houlton, daughter of Bruce and Flossie (Thomas) Houlton, was born March 30, 1913, in Sioux County, IA, on a farm near Ireton, and has lived her entire life in the Ireton area.

Lois married George Rose Feb. 22, 1941. They farmed after their marriage and moved into Ireton in 1967 due to George's ill health. Her husband passed away on Dec. 27, 1974. She taught country school prior to her marriage for ten years. Lois worked as Secretary at the Eisma Brothers Garage and also as an Aide at the Sioux Center Community Hospital for 10 years.

During her childhood, Lois was a Camp Fire Girl where she became interested in studying birds. Later in life she began making and collecting all types of birds made in ceramics. She was a very active life long member of the United Methodist Church in Ireton. Lois served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, treasurer of the church, sang in the church choir, and was a member of the United Methodist Women.

Lois is survived by her brother, Charles Houlton and his wife, Helen of Ireton; sister, Marjorie Johnson of Ireton; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Mae Poll Riter, Ila Vander Hamm, Helen Lemke, Neva Brown, and Fern Eilts; two nephews, Robert Johnson, and Charles Vander Hamm; a niece Janine Brown; and a great-niece, Kayla Eilts



Anna "Ann" Jones, 93

Anna "Ann" Jones of Le Mars, IA, passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Plymouth Manor Care Center in Le Mars.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Preston Township, rural Akron. Pastor Sarah Nye and Diaconal Minister Joel Nye will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be after 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, with the family present after 5:30 p.m., and a Prayer service at 7:00 p.m., all at Carlsen Funeral Home in Le Mars. Visitation will resume 1 hour prior the service on Wednesday at the church. Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family through www.carlsenfuneralhome.com.

Anna Wilhelmina Grosenheider was born Sept. 23, 1916, in rural Plymouth County, IA to Robert and Meta (Pageler) Grosenheider. She attended country school in Preston Township. Ann was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Preston Township, rural Akron.

Ann was united in marriage to Richard Jones on April 25, 1946. They lived in Le Mars for a few years, during that time Ann worked at Vander Meer Bakery. In 1951, they moved to their farm in Plymouth County where they farmed until retiring in 1984. In 1985, they moved back to Le Mars. Richard passed away in 1992. For the past five years, Ann has made her home at Plymouth Manor.

Ann was a lifelong member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was active in the Ladies Aide and W.E.L.C.A. women's circle. Her faith and her family were the center of her life. She loved to cook and bake for her family. Her grandchildren especially enjoyed sharing tea and homemade oatmeal bread and sugar cookies for lunch. She would bake and send cookies to them while they were away at college. Neighborhood children came to know Ann as the "cookie lady", who never turned them away. She loved to read cookbooks and try new recipes. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Those left to cherish her memory are a son, Robert R. "Bob" Jones and his wife, Diane of Le Mars; a daughter, Julie Beitelspacher and her husband, Wayne of rural Le Mars; two granddaughters, Brenda Ann Jones Wiarda of West Des Moines, and Kari Ann Kopperud and her husband, Judd of Le Mars; one grandson, Luke Beitelspacher and his wife, Ashley of Brunsville, IA; four great grandchildren, Claire Ann Wiarda, Cole Wiarda, Kortney Kopperud, and Brooks Beitelspacher; one sister, Vera Mammen and her husband, Carl of Le Mars; a brother, Robert Grosenheider and his wife, Violet of Le Mars; a sister-in-law, Bernice Grosenheider of Le Mars; and several nieces and nephews.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Meta (Pageler) Grosenheider; her husband, Richard; two sisters, Josie Popken and Elsie Oetken; and a brother, Fred Grosenheider.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to her caregivers at Plymouth Manor and to Hospice of Siouxland.

