

Thursday, August 20, 2009

DOROTHY SWANSON, 89

Dorothy Swanson, formerly of Marshalltown, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at the Westbrook Acres nursing facility in Gladbrook.



Dorothy Apgar was born in Chariton, Iowa, on November 29, 1919, to Frank and Stella Apgar. She married Herman Swanson on April 30, 1939, and they spent all of their 51 years together in the Marshalltown, Iowa, area.

Dot was a warm and loving mother to her five children and a caring person to all who met her. Her first words upon meeting a new acquaintance were always, "Call me Dot." She especially loved children and spent several years babysitting for working moms. This was truly a labor of love for her.

She is survived by her two sons and three daughters, Dean (Marge) Swanson from Isle of Palms, SC, Joann ((Rejean) Chartier from Fallbrook, CA, Don (Janet) Swanson from Hudson, Donna (Craig Rhodes) Oetker from Marshalltown, Joyce (Roni) Burns from Bolivar, MO, and sister, Virginia Taylor of Moberly, MO. She also leaves nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, in 1990, brothers Dean and Rex, and sisters Georgia Tedrow and Betty Etter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Westbrook Acres Memorial Fund in Gladbrook.

Services were held at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home on Saturday, August 15..

