

## OBITUARIES

### Jean A. Hurto, 84

Jean A. (Mrs. Earl N.) Hurto, a Marshall Country native and resident of Newton since July of 1956, has died October 14, 2004 in her home at Park Centre from complications resulting from a fractured hip.

The daughter of Ray Walter and Grace Mae (Marlenee) Harper Bailey, Mrs. Hurto was born September 7, 1920 in Melbourne, IA. She attended Melbourne Community School and was graduated with the class of 1938. During this period she was employed at Diehl's Cafe in Melbourne; and Marshall Office Supply, the Iowa Veterans' Home and Neiderhauser Airways, all in Marshalltown.

While working at the airport as a secretary, she became aquatinted with Earl Nelson Hurto of Marshalltown, who was learning to fly small aircraft. They eventually became engaged and were married in Ocala, FL. on July 8, 1944 while Hurto was studying flight training at the U.S. Army Air Force base in Ocala.

Following their marriage, the Hurtos returned to Iowa, where Earl pursued a university education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. In February of 1949, he began a 38.2 year career with The Maytag Company, beginning at the Newark, N.J. branch after six months of training in Newton. The couple's twin sons, Barry Earl and Larry Ray, were born there in December of 1951. Aside from a number of volunteer opportunities and social organizations, her primary career since returning to Newton has been wife, mother and homemaker.

Mrs. Hurto was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Newton, where she served on the Legal and Valuable Papers and Staff -Parish Relations Committees and was a member of the MerriMates Sunday School class. She was a longtime volunteer with Skiff Hospital Auxiliary for more than forty years, a member of Chapter AO P.E.O., Theta Chi Sorority, Kiwanis Kweens and the Woodro Wilson Elementary School's Savings Stamp program. With her husband she enjoyed playing golf and bridge, traveling and gardening. She also enjoyed sewing; was a member of the Jasper County Concert Association and the Jasper County Historical Society; worked in make-up for the Newton Community Theatre; and was an officer in the annual Bailey Family Reunion, which originated in Melbourne, for several years.

Mrs. Hurto is survived by her husband, Earl; her sons, Barry and Larry, both of Newton; two sisters-in-law: Verlee Bailey of Melbourne, and Hazel Harper of Manly; two nieces; four nephews; several cousins and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Roger Bailey; a sister, Neva Bailey; a half-brother, Gerald Harper; a half-sister, Mrs. Floyd (Margaret) Reiss; a nephew; and a niece.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Newton on Monday, October 18 with the Rev. Gary Marzolf presiding. Interment of the cremains will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made in Mrs. Hurto's name or to First United Methodist Church in Newton, the New Horizon United Methodist Church in Melbourne, and Project AWAKE.