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**Martha M. Butts**



Born: 11/4/1918

Died: 5/26/2003

Services will be held at: 10:30 A.M., Friday, May 30, 2003 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Thursday

Martha M. Butts, 84, of 101 North 15th Street, Marshalltown, Iowa died Monday, May 26, 2003 at the Southridge Nursing & Rehab Center, Marshalltown, where she had been a resident since July 2000. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, May 30, 2003, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. William Spencer officiating. INTERMENT will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown. A VISITATION will be from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Thursday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. MEMORIALS may be directed to the Martha M. Butts Memorial Fund.

Martha Minna Butts was born on November 04, 1918 in Hardin County, Iowa, the daughter of Henry & Martha (Massow) Balvanz. She grew up and attended schools in Hardin County. She married George Henry Butts, November 10, 1960 in Adel, Iowa. Prior moving to Marshalltown, Martha had lived in Adel, Carroll & Dennison. She had worked for Hollingsworth Manufacturing, the Iowa Veterans Home, Smitty's Cafe and 13th Street Inn. Martha also had been a volunteer at the Iowa Veterans Home and was a member of the Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. Martha is survived by two brothers: Albert Balvanz, Marshalltown, Iowa and Martin Balvanz, Waverly, Iowa; a sister: Laura Giangrande, Port Richey, Florida and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband George (December 16, 1982); a brother: Ernest Balvanz and three sisters: Ella Christensen, Alfreda Mathews and Elinor Porter.