GWENDOLYN M. BROWN, 92

Gwendolyn M. Brown, 92, a lifelong resident of Marshalltown, entered into eternal life Saturday, July 12, 2008, at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15th, at the Central Christian Church. Interment will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Central Christian Church or the Heritage Club of the Marshalltown Y. Condolences may also be sent to her family at vogelfuneralhomes.com. The Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for Gwen and her family.

Gwen was born on September 12, 1915, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Ralph and Goldia (Larson) McCague. She grew up in Marshalltown and graduated from high school in 1933. She majored in music and received her Bachelor’s Degree in teaching from the University of Northern Iowa. Gwen taught vocal music on the Junior High, Senior High and Junior College levels in Marshalltown. On June 10, 1942, she was united in marriage to Walter E. Brown and they shared the privilege of celebrating their golden anniversary in 1992. Gwen was active in many civic organizations. She was President of Chapter J.U. P.E.O.; President of Tuesday Musical; President of Christian Women’s Fellowship; Chairman of the YMCA/YWCA Heritage Club; a member of the YWCA Board and Chairman of the YWCA Circle of Friends Supportive Membership Drive; member of the 20th Century Club; a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star; a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Club; a George Hixson Fellow of the Kiwanis; and, a lifelong member of the Marshalltown Hospital Auxiliary. Gwen was an avid supporter of the University of Northern Iowa and she was honored by being Grand Marshall two different times for U.N.I. Homecoming. She was a lifelong member of Central Christian Church where she enjoyed serving as organist for 40 years. Gwen served as organist for Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home for 50 years.

She will be missed by her daughter, Cheryl Jean Brown of Topeka, KS; her son, Greg (Suzanne) Brown of Marshalltown; and four grandchildren, Geof and his wife, Marty, Elizabeth, Mitch and Katie.

In eternal life, Gwen joins her parents and her husband of 53 years, Walter.