Mrs. Ellen Marie Bushman, 78, Nevada, passed away at the Story County Medical Center in Nevada on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003 following a two-week stay at the facility.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Dakins Community Center in Zearing. Burial followed at the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing. Mrs. Bushman had lived in Nevada the past 35 years.

Ellen was born April 29, 1925 in State Center to Otho and Lena (Wilkening) Sweet. She married Richard Bushman on Sept. 29, 1951 in Des Moines. She was a homemaker and housewife and also cooked at Iowa State University in Ames for many years. She was a member of the Zearing American Legion Auxiliary Unit #116. She was also a member of the Royal Neighbors in Zearing and the E.U.B. church in Zearing.

She is survived by two sons, Dennis (Carol) Bushman of Deleon, Texas; and Gary (Julie) Bushman of Collins. Also three daughters, Diane (Bob) Kenoyer of Boone; Debbie (Robert) Jensen of Cedar Lake, MI; Donna Bushman of Ames; 11 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, one sister, Reta Hokel of West Union; and one sister-in-law Marge Hambley of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 23, 2000, her parents and one brother, Kenneth Sweet.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Fredregill Funeral Home of Zearing was in charge of arrangements.