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Dorothy Somer Charvat

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Born: January 11, 1913

Died: December 03, 2003

Services will be held at: Memorial services will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Pursel Davis Funeral Home and Crematory on Monday, December 22, 2003.

Visitation times are: Visitation will be held from 5:30 P.M. until service time at the Pursel Davis Funeral Home and Crematory on Monday, December 22, 2003. A memorial Mass will be held in Wilson, Kansas at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 10:30 A.M.

Dorothy was born on January 11, 1913 in Wilson, Kansas, the daughter of Anton F. and Sophia Soucek Somer. Following graduation from Wilson High School in 1932, she worked for her father in the Somer Hardware business. She married Paul Charvat (also of Wilson) on September 9, 1944 in Nashville, Tennessee moving later in 1944 to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1961, they moved to Wichita, Kansas and lived there for 30 years until 1991 when they moved to Marshalltown, Iowa. Her husband predeceased her in death there in 1992. She is survived by Daughter, Sandra Burke (Dr. James), Ames, IA, Grandsons: Paul of New York City and Christopher of Columbus, Ohio; Sister, Sophia (Ray) Wallert, Kansas City, Missouri; several sisters-and brothers-in law: and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul; her parents; four sisters, Alice Park, Georgia Dennis, Christine Wallert, Marie Janousek and one brother, Edward Somer. Dorothy is dearly missed and a memorial will be established in Dorothy's name in Wilson, Kansas, the Czech community where both the Somer and Charvat families originally settled after immigrating from the Bohemia and Moravia. The memorial contributions may be directed to the family in her name and will be used for the preservation of the Czech culture and heritage and the restoration of historic buildings and landmarks.