

OBITUARY

Arlet Smith, 91

Arlet Smith, 91, of the State Center Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, died early Thursday morning, July 17, 2003 at the facility while in the care of the Iowa River Hospice.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 21 at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mike Maddick officiating. Burial followed in the Hillside Cemetery in State Center. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home of State Center handled arrangements.

Arlet was born Oct. 30, 1911 at her family farmhouse between McCallsburg and Roland in Story County. She was the daughter of John and Helen (Jondahl) Christian. She attended school in McCallsburg and graduated from the Milford Township School in 1927. She attended the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and later received her Masters Degree in Mathematics from Purdue University. Mrs. Smith taught school in Milford Township (Story County), Hartwick, Jewell,

Brooklyn and State Center and Thornridge School in Dalton, IL.

On July 5, 1934, in Brooklyn, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Smith. Arlet was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in State Center, the Illinois Teachers Association, the Trinity Quilters group, Memorial Lutheran Church in Ames and will be fondly remembered by many for her love of church, family, playing bridge, sewing and gardening, teaching Sunday and Bible School, and rooting for her favorite team, the Cubs.

Left to mourn her loss are her three children: Paul Smith of Marshalltown, Vaughn (Anita) Smith of Polk City and Karen "Katie" (Jim) Lively of State Center, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her last surviving sister Ruby Freeman of Los Angeles, CA.

In death she rejoined her husband who died in 1995, her parents, three brothers and four sisters.