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OBITUARIES

FRANCES L. FREESE, 99

Frances L. Freese, 99, of Marshalltowm, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the Villa Del Sol in Marshalltown. Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. Online condolences may be sent to the family at vogelfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Pursel Davis Funeral Home.

Frances was born June 29, 1909, the daughter of John and Jessie (Totman) Coats in Lake View, Iowa. She attended school in Lake View and Spencer and graduated from Greenville, Iowa in 1926. Frances attended Buena Vista College for two years where she received a teacher's certificate. She taught in a rural school before returning to college at Grinnell College. She later taught school in Gillman for four years. She was united in marriage to Fritz Freese on May 31, 1935, in Austin, Minnesota.

Frances and Fritz moved to Marshalltown, where she continued teaching as a substitute teacher. Frances also worked at the Credit Bureau of Marshalltown, retiring in 1972. She was involved in many activities, the First Baptist Church, Marshalltown Women's Club, and Witenagemate Club. She volunteered at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in the gift shop and the Marshalltown Public Library. Frances moved to the Villa Del Sol in November 2001 where she continued knitting mittens for the Salvation Army.She loved reading and watching sports. She enjoyed her stay there and loved Joey the cat.

Frances is survived by her children, Fritz (Susi) Freese of Lacey's Spring, Alabama and Ann (Paul) Wilsterman of Melbourne, Iowa; four grandchildren, Craig Wilsterman of Allentown Pennsylvania, Barbara Wilsterman of Waukee, Iowa, Kurt and Greg Freese of Huntsville, Arkansas;six great-grandchildren, Kate, Grant and Alexander Wilsterman of Pennsylvania, and Jordan Leigh Taylor of Huntsville, Arkansas.

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