

OBITUARY

Bethel Wiemers, 90

Bethel, Mrs. Orval Wiemers, 90, Melbourne, died early Thursday, June 12, 2003 at the Grandview Heights Care Center.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 16 from the Melbourne United Methodist Church with Revs. Elsa Lawry and Lowell Hoyle officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

It is suggested that memorials be directed to the Iowa River Hospice or the Melbourne United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 1, 1912 in Diller, Nebraska the daughter of Sam and Pearl Riddle Friday. On Nov. 23, 1933 she was united in marriage to Orval Wiemers, and he survives.

There are three children surviving: Kay, (Mrs. Rex) Blanchard of Powersville, MO; Gene Wiemers and his wife Jan of Melbourne and Cal Wiemers, and his wife Margaret of Folsom, CA.

Also surviving are four

grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and one brother, Gerald Friday of Conrad. Preceding her in death were her parents and one brother.

Reared and educated in Dillar, NE, she graduated from high school there and attended three summer school sessions for her teacher's certificate. In 1936 she and her husband moved to the Grundy Center area and farmed, later moving near Conrad. Then in 1941 they moved to a farm near LaMoille and in 1945 purchased Lollar Implement in Melbourne and renamed it Wiemers Implement. They then moved to their present home north of Marshalltown.

Mrs. Wiemers was known locally for her paintings of Melbourne area sites and buildings. She also gave art lessons in her home for many years.

She was a member of the Melbourne United Methodist Church, the UMW of the church, 50+ Club, the Melbourne Birthday Club and the Marshalltown Art Association.