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Obituary – Minnie V. Westphal

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Services for Minnie V. Westphal, 77, of State Center, who died Wednesday, January 6, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, were at St. Paul's (sic-Paul) Lutheran Church in State Center Friday afternoon with the Reverend Dwight Wascom of Marshalltown officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, and a memorial fund has been established.

Bearers were Dennis Westphal, Tim Westphal, Dough Hartwig. Ron Veren, John Paper and Jim Hartwig.

Born July 22, 1910, at Haverhill, she was the daughter of Carl and Ella Eckhart Guthman. She was reared and educated in State Center, graduating from State Center High School in 1922. On July 8, 1932, she was married to Arnold Westphal at Dixon, IL, and they have always made their home in State Center.

Mrs. Westphal was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, State Center.

Surviving are her husband, Arnold; three sons, Robert Westphal, Albion; Donald Westphal, Marshalltown; and Rodney Westphal, State Center, two grandsons and five step-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Fern Haines of Mission, TX. Preceding her in death was a brother.

(Shirley's note: It seems like I knew "Vi" forever. She and my mother were both members of the neighborhood club, YW Club; her son, Robert, and I were confirmed together and also graduated from high school together. But, I remember Vi best from being winter snowbirds in Texas. Vi and Arnold always went to the valley, while we were north of Corpus Christi (because of the fishing). We'd visit them in the valley, and they'd stop at Rockport-Fulton on their way home to visit us. Vi loved to fish.)