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Wantalee A. Hawcott

Sept. 11, 1928 to Friday, July 25 2003

Wantalee A. Hawcott, age 74, of Nevada, Iowa died Friday, July 25, 2003 at the Rolling Green Village.

She was born Sept. 11, 1928 in Algona to Charles and Rohena (Behse) Runchey. She graduated from Algona High School in 1946. She married Wallace H. Hawcott on May 27, 1946. She had worked at the Burt Telephone Company for many years, starting in 1940 as the "hello girl" and retiring in 1983 as the bookkeeper. After retiring, she and her husband spent 12 winters at the tip of Texas at an RV village. They moved to Nevada in 1995. She joined Central Presbyterian Church and the ladies sewing group. Wantalee made crocheted articles, plastic canvas items and sewed many clothes. She was a former member of the Burt Methodist Church, the UMW, a former Sunday school teacher and a member of the U & I circle of farm ladies.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace, of Nevada; a son, Ken (and Marguerite) Hawcott of Nevada; three grandchildren, Ben Hawcott of Nevada, Marie Hawcott of Nevada, and James Hawcott, serving with the US Army in Iraq; and a sister, Sharron Norheim of Rosemead, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Shela, who died in 1959.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 28 at Central Presbyterian Church with Pastor Ian McMullen officiating. Burial was in Burt Township Cemetery in Burt.

Memorials may be made to the Music Department of Central Presbyterian Church. Bacon Funeral Home, Nevada, handled the arrangements.

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