

MARY ELLEN LOY, 84

Mary Ellen Loy, 84 of Marshalltown, entered into eternal life Tuesday, December 25, 2007, at the State Center Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. A graveside memorial service was held Friday, December 28th at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. Cremation rites have preceded the service and no public visitation is planned prior to the ceremony. Memorial contributions may be directed to Iowa Hospice. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home is caring for Mary and her family. Condolences may also be sent to her family at www.pursel-davis.com.

Born on June 13, 1923, in Marshalltown, Mary was the daughter of Lewis and Mayme (Overland) Arnold. She grew up in Marshalltown and received her education in the public schools. On June 14, 1945, she was united in marriage to Oather Loy in Marshalltown. The couple lived their entire lives in Marshalltown and Marshall County where Mary had been a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, gardening and most of all, spending time with her family.

She will be missed by her daughter, Sylvia (Rich) Gavigan of Evansdale, IA; brother, Joe (Bea) Arnold of Clemons; two sisters, Mildred McOmber of Marshalltown and Pearl Scranton of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In eternal life, Mary joins her parents; her husband, Oather (Aug. 21, 1998); two sisters, Doris McCollum & Betty Frerichs; and two brothers, Glen & Charles Arnold.

