

OBITUARY

Darlene L. Montgomery, 80

CONRAD -- Darlene L. Montgomery, 80 of Oak Estates, Conrad, died Monday, May 31, 2004 at Oakview Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Assembly of God Church in Conrad, with the Rev. Jim Hartman officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. The Johnston Funeral Home in Conrad was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be given to the family for later dedication.

Darlene was born July 20, 1923, in Plymouth, NH to Robert and Naomi Andrews. She was raised in the Melbourne area and graduated from Melbourne High School in 1940. She completed a two-year teaching degree at Iowa State Teachers' College and later received her BA in education from Drake University. She married Milton R. Montgomery on March 26, 1944, in Melbourne. To this union two daughters were born: Cathy (Charles) Thompson of Conrad and Janie Montgomery of Camanche.

They lived in the Melbourne and Marshalltown areas for nearly 40

years. Milt died in 1995 after more than 50 years of marriage. Darlene taught elementary school in the Union, Albion and Marshalltown School Districts (Anson Elementary School) for 28 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the Marshalltown First United Methodist Church, Marshalltown Education Association and an aggressive shopper and avid gardener.

Survivors include her two daughters; two granddaughters, Julie (Jeff) Trickett of Marshalltown and Amy (Brad) Cox of Indianola; two grandsons, Scott (Tina) Eggers of Farmington, MN and Rusty Eggers of Marshalltown; five great-grandsons, Alex, Austin and Adam Cox and Mitchell and Matthew Eggers; two sisters, Jeanne (Robert) Iverson of Pine Hurst, NC and Betty (Gerald) Friday of Conrad; and a sister-in-law Betty Jane (Max) Pickard of Melbourne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Robert Jr.; and an infant sister Judith Kay.