

# Betty Oehlsen - 1931 - 2006



Betty ( Mrs. Richard) Oehlsen, 74, of rural State Center , died late Wednesday night, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City .

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Lutheran Church north of State Center with Rev. David Steege

officiating. She will be laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center . Friends may call at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home West Marshall Chapel, 104 West Main Street in State Center from 6-8:00 p.m. on Friday. For condolences, please visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com).

Memorials may be directed to the Clemons Lutheran School . The Mitchell Family Funeral Home West Marshall Chapel is caring for Betty and her family. Ph. 641-483-2900.

Born on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1931, at Newton , Iowa , she was the daughter of Bertha Brisel. Her family moved to Marshalltown in 1941 and she graduated from the Marshalltown High School in 1950 and then Marshalltown Community College with her two year degree. Betty went to the Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls and received her BA Degree in Home Economics. She taught in Roland, Van Metre and Altoona prior to her family moving to the farm near

State Center in 1970.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1955, she was united in marriage to Richard Oehlsen. They made their home in Des Moines and then farmed at State Center . Betty was the librarian at the Gutekunst Public Library for 12 years and was an active member of the St. John's Lutheran Church serving in many capacities, supported the Clemons Lutheran School and volunteered at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center . She enjoyed her family, played violin, read avidly, cooked, and was a dedicated teacher.

Left to mourn her loss is her loving husband of 51 years, two sons: Marc of Ackley and Eric of State Center, her brother Larry (Peggy) and their children Nathan and Josh of Lamoille and her father, Tom Willits of the Glenwood Place in Marshalltown .

In death she has rejoined her mother Bertha who died June of this year