

OBITUARIES

Elaine M. Schaper, 85

Elaine M. Schaper, 85, of the Care Centre of Urbana, Urbana, Illinois, died Tuesday morning, December 30, 2003 at the care center. Her death came peacefully at 9:55 a.m.

Born Elaine M. Pfantz on August 5, 1918, at State Center, she was the daughter of Ira and Rose (Wolken) Pfantz. She received her education in the area of her birth and later received her LPN degree. Mrs. Schaper was also a homemaker.

On December 3, 1938, she was united in marriage to George Schaper in Missouri. They made the State Center community their home until moving to Urbana, Illinois to be near their son, Henry.

From 1943 until 1948 the family lived in The Log Cabin on a farm on Mormon Ridge. Then they moved to State Center for the next 11 years. At that time she work the switchboard in the telephone office. Most of the time there was before Dial service. Some of the things involved with the job was running the fire siron, know were to direct a call to a Doctor in emergency when

he was doing house calls. Doctors used to do that. In 1959 the family moved back on a farm. This time the boys were old enough so she didn't help this time with Spring plowing. Although as all farm wives know there are days when everyone is needed.

After George retired from farming she worked a the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. First as a Nurses Aid until she got a chance to go back to school in her 50's to become a LPN. She graduated near the top of her class and work at the Veterans Home until she retired.

George passed away on July 15, 1997. In State Center, she was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Left to mourn her loss is her son Henry of Urbana, Illinois, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother Ira Pfantz and sister Violet Meier.

In death she has rejoined her parents, her husband, a son, a daughter, three brothers and one sister.