

OBITUARY

Etta M. Schradle, 93

Etta M. Schradle, 93, of The Embers in Marshalltown, most recently of the Grandview Heights in Marshalltown, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003 at her home. Memorial services and a celebration of her life was held Friday, Jan. 17 at the St. John Lutheran Church North of State Center with Pastor Mike Maddick officiating. Interment followed at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. There was no visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the Clemons Lutheran School. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Etta Marie Wheeler on Oct. 10, 1909, at Kolls County, near Murdo, South Dakota, she was one of five children born to Ralph and Hattie (Van Hoof) Wheeler. She received her education in South Dakota, and Clayton, WI, before graduating from the Clear Lake, Wisconsin, High School. She also had secretarial training in Minneapolis.

On March 27, 1933, at Lake Elmo, MN, she was united in marriage to Bruce Leonard Schradle. They farmed all their married lives, living in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Moving to Iowa in 1940, they became members of the St. John parish and

she was of the Ladies Aid and the Neighborly Helpers Club. Bruce passed away in May of 1974. Etta was a secretary at the Animal Disease Center in Ames for 15 years, retiring in 1974.

She will be fondly remembered for her love of her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening, visiting, doing family genealogy and comprising her family history books for future generations to keep and treasure. She became part of the Embers Retirement Community family in 1988 when she moved from her farm.

She is survived by sons Robert (Patricia) Schradle, Baxter; and Gerald (Donna) of Ames; four grandchildren: Heather (Russ) Paper of Roswell, GA; Lane (Sigrid) Schradle of Charles City; James (Jean) Schradle of Chugiak, Alaska; and Jeffrey (Michelle) Schradle of Tinker, AFB, Oklahoma. Also six great-grandchildren: Brandon, Jesse, Benjamin, Kristin, Alexadra, and Kristofer and her fifth generation great-great-grandson, Devon.

Etta was rejoined in death by her husband, Bruce, her parents and siblings, Rupert and Lambert, Mildred Hanson and Marcella Wheeler.