December 20, 2001

Bernice M. Scott

March 31, 1910, to Dec. 15, 2001

Bernice M. Scott, 91, of New Hampton, died Saturday, Dec. 15, at the New Hamptom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from complications as a result of Alzheimer's Disease.

She was born March 31, 1910, in rural Chickasaw County near Ionia to John and Lucy Elizabeth (Kalen) Baltes. She received her education at St. Boniface School in Ionia and at the Deerfield Township rural country school. She married Ralph W. Scott on July 25, 1936. The couple made its home for a brief period in Nashua before moving to a farm east of New Hampton in 1937. In 1955, the couple moved to a farm south of Protivin. Bernice was primarily a homemaker, while being active with her husband in farming. She was also a 4-H leader, an avid cook, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rosary Society, chior and a former prayer leader. She was a longtime member and former District officer for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, a longtime volunteer at the former Health Care Manor and a volunteer at the Chickasaw County Historical Society Museum. She and her husband also owned and operated two restaurants, the Highway Cafe in Fredericksburg and the Cozy Cafe in Fairbank.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary (and Ken) Rindels of Charles City; four sons, Frank (and Lila) Scott of Fredericksburg, Richard (and Jackie) Scott of Nevada, Dan (and Jean) Scott of New Hampton, and Thomas R. Scott of Iowa City; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dr. Bernard Baltes of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Lucille Muetz of W. Pomona, Wis.; and three sisters-in-law, Adella Baltes of Apache Junction, Ariz., Phyllis Baltes of Dade City, Fla., and Gerri Baltes of Denver, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Feb. 3, 1970; a daughter, Luanna Scott; three brothers, Louie, Norb and Joe Baltes; a sister, Rita Rosauer; and a great-grandson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Hampton. Interment is in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Hampton. Memorials may be made to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Alzheimer's Safe Return Project or Hospice of North Iowa. Hugeback Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

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