

OBITUARIES

Edith S. Mahlow, 68

Edith S. Mahlow, age 88 of State Center passed away early Wednesday, June 14th at her home in State Center while in the care of her family and Iowa River Hospice.

Funeral services have been set for 10:00 AM Monday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillside Cemetery. Friends may call at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM; her family will be present during these hours. Memorials may be directed to the Iowa River Hospice in lieu of flowers. The Wensel Perrin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.

She was born on September 20, 1917 in Minerva Township the daughter of William C. and Amanda Damman Severidt. Raised and educated in State Center and Rhodes, she graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1935. Edith then attended the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for 3 years, receiving a teaching certificate.

She began teaching at the State Center Independent # 8, later teaching 3rd and 4th grade at the Clemons Public Schools. Later she was employed at the Kielly Implement Co., and for 17 years worked at the State Center Creamery, retiring in 1982. Edith also was known for her cake decorating skills in the community.

On April 28, 1946 she was united in marriage to Harold Mahlow at the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Edith was a lifetime member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of which she served as church secretary for 25 years;

a lifetime member of the Cleo Chapter # 303 OES where she held several offices; a member of West Marshall School Volunteers; a long time Iowa River Hospice volunteer, being named as the first Volunteer of the year by Iowa River Hospice; West Marshall Senior Citizens; and was named the Iowa Health Care Associate volunteer of the year in 1995.

Survivors include 5 children; Richard (Janet) Mahlow of Zearing, Darrell Mahlow of Duncan, OK., Shirley (Mrs. Martin) Schaper of State Center, Donald (Judy) Mahlow of State Center and Connie (Glen) Lyall of State Center; a daughter-in-law Jenny (Mrs. Robert) Mahlow of Zearing; 14 grandchildren; Kenny (Penny) Mahlow, LeAnn (Jeff) Miller, Mark (Bonnie) Mahlow, Melinda (Randy) Johnson, Marty (Kelli) Mahlow, DeAna (Doug) Walters, Paula (Donald) Belcher, Rhonda (Leland) Morris, Chet (Stephanie) Mahlow, Marci Schaper (Neil) Covington, Kim (Stuart) Love, Darin (Sylvia) Mahlow, Paul Lyall and Sarah Lyall; 25 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; a brother Donald (Eloise) Severidt of Marshalltown; 3 sister-in-law, Wanda (Mrs. Harold) Severidt, LaNida (Mrs. Glen) Severidt and Ruth (Mrs. Earl) Severidt; and a step-sister Hope (Mrs. Darwin) Riese of Marshalltown.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Harold in 1979, a son Robert in May 2005, a great grand daughter Crystal in 1990 and 4 brothers Glen, Harold, George and Earl Severidt. A step sister, Dorothy Mueller, also preceded her in death.