

## OBITUARY

# Doris May Lavery-Korte, 89

Doris May Lavery-Korte, 89, of Melbourne, died suddenly Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Laurel United Methodist Church with Rev. Kiboko officiating. Burial followed in the Graceland Cemetery in Laurel. Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Doris was born Sept. 3, 1913 on a farm northeast of Laurel, the daughter of Henry and Minnie Schultz Smith. She was married to William J. Lavery on Dec. 1, 1932, in Rock Island, IL. He preceded her in death in 1953.

On Dec. 12, 1964, in Van Cleve, she was united in marriage to Maurice C. Korte, he preceded her in death in July 2002.

Reared and educated in the Laurel area, she graduated from Laurel High School in 1931. While in school, she helped at her parents restaurant and pool hall. She also worked at the grocery store in Laurel and was a switch board operator for the Laurel Telephone

Company and was a cook at the Laurel School.

Her memberships include the Laurel United Methodist Church of which she was a lifetime member and youth fellowship leader and Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Laurel Federated Study Club, a charter member of the Tuesday Study Club, the UMW of her church, active in the Laurel Alumni, past president of the Laurel PTA, the Melbourne 50 Plus Club and had attended the Melbourne United Methodist Church.

Three children survive: Doris Eddy of Gilman; Dennis Lavery of Marshalltown, and Deborah (Mrs. James) Arges of Winfield, IN.

There are seven grandchildren surviving and one great-great granddaughter. Two stepchildren also survive: Alice (Mrs. Karl) Pannkuk of Ames and James (Metta) Korte of St. Louis, MO. Also six step grandchildren and 12 step great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, two brothers, two sisters, one son, Robert, and one great granddaughter.