

Marie Swartz, 97

Marie Swartz, 97, former longtime State Center resident, most recently of the Villa del Sol in Marshalltown, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003 at the Villa del Sol.

Funeral
services and a celebration of her life was held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. She was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery.



The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born on March 12, 1905 on a farm near the State Center/Clemons

area, she was the daughter of Gust and Dora (Ahrens) Rittierodt. She received her education in the area of her birth and graduated from State Center High School's Class of 1923. On June 12, 1923, she was united in marriage to John D. Swartz at her parents home by Rev. J.G. Oltman. Marie loved music and sang for many functions, and when her son Denny was born, played piano with him on her knee.

Left to mourn her loss are her daughter-in-law Joann Swartz of Marshalltown, two grandchildren Cindy (Jerry) Kutzner of Albion and Jeff (Joni) Swartz of Ankeny, five great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

In death she has rejoined her parents, her husband and her only son, Denny, who died of cancer in 1977.