

Reta Mae (Sweet) Hokel, daughter of Otha and Lena (Wilkening) Sweet

RETA MAE (SWEET) HOKEL, daughter of Otha and Lena (Wilkening) Sweet, was born May 8, 1920 in State Center, Iowa and graduated from State Center High School.

On December 24, 1937, Reta was united in marriage with Meryl Hokel and seven children were born to this union. She has lived in West Union since 1942. Reta worked for the North Fayette Community School District lunch program for 27 years. She was a 50-year member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Willing Workers and the Rebekah Lodge. She was also a Girl Scout leader for several years and a member of the Nisse Rosemalers.

All who knew her knew of her love and skill for cooking and baking.

Reta was a resident of the Good Samaritan Home and it was there that she went home to be with her Lord on October 31, 2008 at the age of 88 years. Her husband, Meryl on March 11, 1989; her daughter, Barbara on June 8, 2005; parents; brother, Kenneth and sister, Ellen, preceded her in death.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Meryl Hokel Austin of Santa Maria, CA, B. Dean Hokel and his life-long partner, Craig Sales, of Chicago, Joe and wife, Debbie Hokel of Athol, ID, Beverly and husband, Jere Probert of Wadena, Betty and husband, Andrew Campbell of Mountain View, AR and Brenda and husband, Al Berns of Farmersburg; 18 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.