ETHEL J. CURSON
HUISMAN, 88

Ethel J. Curson Huisman, age 88, of Marshalltown, passed away Monday, December 15, 2008, at Bickford Cottage. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 20, 2008, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home Chapel, with burial following in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com. Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with caring for Ethel and her family.

Born on March 16, 1920, in Ipswich, SD, she was the daughter of Joe and Alice (Breed) Jensen. She was raised and educated in the area of her birth. On September 2, 1939, she was united in marriage to Walter William Curson in Toledo, IA. The couple made their home in Marshalltown until Walter’s passing in 1998. During this time, Ethel was employed by the Iowa Veterans Home, Singer Sewing Center and also worked as a custodian for Anson School. On May 23, 1998, she was united in marriage to M. Joe Huisman in Marshalltown. He preceded her in death in 2004. She was a member of Hope United Methodist Church.

Ethel is survived by her daughter, Joan Marie (Vernon) Smith of Tama; a son, Larry Robert (Judy) Curson of Marshalltown; six grandchildren, Teri (Dave) Chelsvig of West Des Moines, Vicki (fiancé Robert Lee) Contreras of Marshalltown, Camron (Jacque) Smith, Diana (the late Dorman) Brush of LeGrand, Tracy (Todd) Asa of Jackson, MN, and Mike (Jodi) Curson of Norwood, MN; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Fern (Wayne) Tuttle of Marshalltown, and a brother, Frances “Bud” Jensen of Melbourne.

Preceding her in death were her husbands; three brothers, Lester, Leslie and Alvin Jensen, and a sister, Evelyn Reavis.