

Lurline G. Bentz, 76

Oct. 8, 1925 – June 5, 2002

MARCUS – Lurline G. Bentz was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Storm Lake, the daughter of August and Tina (Peters) Porath. She grew up in the Storm Lake area.

She married Floyd N. Bentz Nov. 26, 1946, in Storm Lake. After their marriage, they continued to live in the Storm Lake area until 1953, when they moved to Marcus. For many years, she retrieved the mailbag that was thrown from the train as it passed through Marcus and delivered it to the Marcus Post Office. She was a waitress for many years at the Idle Hour Care and Dew Drop Inn. Floyd died in 1979. She continued to live in Marcus. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. She died June 5, 2002, at Floyd Valley Hospital in LeMars.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a son, Keith Bentz; a brother, Merrit; and a sister, Geneva. Survivors include two sons, Paul (Toni) Bentz of St. Paul, NE and John (Faith) Bentz of Harlan; a daughter, Lorelei (Alan) Klein of Remsen; a special person who she helped raised, Larry Bird ('Donna) of Marcus; 17 grandchildren; a step grandson; 11 great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Bernice Bentz of Des Moines; two sisters-in-law, Grace Porath of Pocahontas and Jacki Bird of Marcus; and two brothers-in-law, Alvin Peterson of Newell and Leon Bentz of Albuquerque, NM.

Funeral services were held June 7, 2002, at Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus, with the Rev. James Gruber officiating. Burial was in Holy Name Cemetery. Earnest and Roethler Funeral Home in Marcus in charge of arrangements.