

Ruth Dobler, 89

July 14, 1916 - March 26, 2006

DENISON — Ruth Irene Dobler was born July 14, 1916, the daughter of George and Lulu Bryan Powell, in Denison and received her education in a rural school and in the Denison Community Schools, graduating from Denison High School with the class of 1934. She then attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake and completed her teaching certification.

Jan. 1, 1938, Ruth married William Lloyd Dobler in Yale. The couple made their home in Denison and were blessed with the birth of three children. She taught school for a brief period of time and also worked in the Crawford County Assessor's office as a clerk. She was involved in several community and church activities including Eastern Star; White Shrine; Rainbow, LM Shaw Questers; of which she was a charter member; Past Matrons; Trinity Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday School and was a member of their Women's Guild; Choir and Altar Guild. She was also a member of the McHenry House Historical Society; the Golden K, where she held the office of secretary; the Northwest Iowa Assessors Group; and the Crawford County Genealogical Society. In 1933, Ruth was the Crawford County 4-H Health Champ and was sent to the Iowa State Fair for recognition and in 1961, was voted Crawford County Mother of the Year for the Iowa State Mother of the Year Award. She died March 26, 2006, at the Manilla Manor at age 89.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, William L.; her parents, George and Lulu; her mother and father-in-law, W.K. (Ken) and Nellie Dobler; six brothers, Charles, and his wife, Lydia; Frederick Vernon "Pete" and his wife, Helen; Clarence and his wife, Betty; Robert; Lyle and his wife, Mary; and Merlin as an infant; one brother-in-law, Les Starek and his wife, Helen. Survivors include her daughters, Virginia McCurdy (Gary) of Washington; and Marge Hemminger of Harlan; her son, William Keith Dobler (Ginny) of Glenwood; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Max Powell (Lougene) of Stuart; one sister-in-law, Phyllis Owen Powell Henriksen of Emmetsburg; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 1, 2006, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison. Father Glenn Rankin officiated the service and grave side rites at the Oakland Cemetery in Denison. Honorary casket bearers were Dr. Paul S. Baker, Dr. R.L. Bendixen, Jack Brockelsby, Fred J. Fillman, Chuck Luvaas, Warren Grieb, Irwin Denker, Verdell Brus, Harold Ruth and Rick Frank. Casket bearers were Kendall Starek, John Powell, Eric Nielsen, Guy Powell, Jerry Bryan and Jon Starek. Huebner Funeral Home in Denison in charge of arrangements.