

Dorothy M. Funk, 87

Aug. 26, 1915 - Oct. 1, 2002

BURLINGTON – Dorothy Matilda Wischmeier was born Aug. 26, 1915, in rural Des Moines County, to Frederick and Orpheus Wischmeier. She grew up and attended school at Sperry-Yarmouth High School, graduating in 1933. She attended Peace Lutheran Church in Sperry, where she was baptized.

In 1942, she married Carroll Kenneth Funk. They were married for 40 years until his death in 1982. They had one daughter, Karen Sue Funk McLaughlin, born in December of 1952. Dorothy and Kenny were active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Burlington. Dorothy worked for more than 40 years for Dr. Frank Ober as a nanny and housekeeper and catered parties, weddings, and other gatherings. She was a member of the Burlington Civic Music Association and Travel Log. She died at her daughter's home in Harlan, Oct. 1, 2002, after a short illness at age 87.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father and mother; brother, Herbert Wischmeier; nephew, Michael Wischmeier; and her husband, Kenneth. She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Mark) McLaughlin of Harlan; sister, Edna of New London; brother, Howard of rural Sperry; two grandsons; three great grandchildren; multiple nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Oct. 5, 2002, in Lunning Chapel in Burlington, followed by graveside services in Aspen Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gary McCall, neighbor, of Burlington; Milton Keever of Oquawka, IL; Jim Felgar of Missouri; Wayne Heibner of Burlington; Roger Walker of New London; Ronald Walker of Knoxville; Dennis Wischmeier of rural Sperry and Arthur (Skip) Long of Mt. Pleasant. Honorary pallbearers were Darmon Vogt of Columbus, NE; James McLaughlin of Ames; Matt Walker of Iowa City; Brian Walker of New London; Ronald Stafford of Burlington; Gene Stafford of Sperry; Ryan Walker of Knoxville and Adam Walker of Knoxville.

