

Betty Wedel, 92 ✓

Nov. 19, 1920 - Dec. 19, 2012

MINDEN — Betty Jane (Derby)

Wedel was born November 19, 1920 on a farm northeast of Avoca. She was the daughter of Scott and Madelyn "Marie" Hageboeck Derby and was one of five children in the family. She attended country school at Buzzards Glory, Knox #8 and then Avoca High School, graduating with the Class of 1939. During her junior and senior years of high school she worked at Meyer Ruback grocery store. Following graduation Betty worked at Norton Plumbing as a bookkeeper and then at Iowa Power for over three years.

Betty was united in marriage to Orville Wedel on August 26, 1942 in Avoca. They made their home on the Wedel farm south of Minden. They were the parents of three children, Lynn, Gayle and Gary. Besides raising her family she helped with the farming, raised chickens and had a large garden. In 1961 they sold the farm, moved into Minden and purchased the hardware store. They operated Wedel Hardware for nearly 20 years, retiring in 1980. Betty was instrumental in organizing Pottawattamie County Association for Retarded Children, Minden Senior Citizens and Pottawattamie County Taxpayers Association. Besides those organizations, she was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ and its ladies organization, Walnut Republican Women, Minden Community Club and the "39ers" Social Group. Betty and Orville also volunteered at Jennie Edmundson Hospital following their retirement from the Hardware business. She enjoyed sewing for her husband, children and granddaughters and made many clothes for them to wear. She was a very caring, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Betty passed on to her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 while a resident at Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center.



Betty was preceded in death by her husband Orville in September of 2010, her parents, her sister Geraldine, brothers, Nathan and Dean, and sons-in-law LeRoy Kadel and Pastor Denny Peterson. She will be lovingly missed by her children, Lynn (Kadel) Peterson (friend, Charlie Leaders), Gayle and Gary and his wife, Karla, all living in and near Minden; five granddaughters and their families, Kathy (Brian) Fox, Emily and Ben of Colorado Springs, CO; Suzanne (James) Watson, Jonathan, Alex and Gabe of Council Bluffs; Delene (Zak) Yarnot of Mocksville, NC; Wendy (Galen) Barrett, Madison and Landon of Crescent, and Michelle (Steve) Hurley, Evan and Isabelle of Waconia, MN; her brother, Bill (Sharon) Derby of Council Bluffs, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiated the 2:00 p.m. funeral service at the Minden United Church of Christ in Minden on Saturday, December 22, 2012. Musicians were Maureen Olsen and Cliff Killpack. Honorary casket bearers were: Paul Wedel, Henry Rodenburg, Charlie Leaders, and Larry Hornbostel. Interment was held in the Minden Cemetery in Minden with William Derby, Ken Crane, Steve Hurley, Galen Barrett, Brian Fox, and James Watson serving as casket bearers.

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