

Velma A. Blakely, 71

DES MOINES - Velma A. Blakely was born at Modale, and had lived in the Des Moines area since the early 1950's. She was an elementary teacher in Des Moines, Iowa City and Omaha, NE for 10 years all in the early 1950's. She was an active member of the Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, and was a member of the Des Moines Retired Teachers Association. She died Aug. 28, 1998, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center as a result of a stroke at age 71.

She is survived by a son, William Blakely of Alleman, and a daughter, Barbara Duffelmeyer of Ames; five grandchildren; and a sister, Joyce Brandriff of Oskaloosa.

Memorial services were held Sept. 1, 1998, at the Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, with burial in the Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.