

Daphne Ott, 82**Jan. 1, 1926 - April 17, 2008**

IRWIN — Daphne Leotta, daughter of Orion V. and Hallie Mae (Irwin) Pruitt, was born January 1, 1926, at Anderson, SC. She graduated from the all-girls Anderson High School, and then moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a secretary for the U.S. Department of the Navy.

Daphne worked there until she was united in marriage with Richard Jesse Ott on October 20, 1944, at Boxholm, IA. Four children were born into this union. Upon their return to Iowa, the couple lived in Joice, Britt, Wadena, and Modale - moving for Richard's various teaching and school administrative positions. Daphne worked as a secretary at the school in Modale until the family moved to Irwin in 1970. She operated her own ceramics shop, "Do Ceramics," in Irwin through the mid-1980's. After Richard's retirement as superintendent from the Irwin Schools in 1986, the couple enjoyed traveling together. They were especially interested in seeing the natural beauty of the country. Daphne was a member of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women's group in Irwin. She was also involved with The Order of Eastern Star, Library and Craft Clubs, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Due to complications from a fall, Daphne died on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA at age 82 years, 3 months and 16 days of age.

Daphne was preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard in 2007, and brothers and sisters. She is survived by two daughters; Juanita Ott of Indianola; Cathy Lucinda (Cindy) and husband Roy Skarin of Indianola; two sons; Richard Ott II and wife Donna of Memphis, NE; and Philip Ott and wife Cathy of Castle Rock, CO; nine grandchildren; great grandchildren; sister Vera Bowman of Arizona; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, IA, with Pastor Keith Pals officiating. Music was "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" with Ruth Ann Barry accompanist. Casket bearers were Brent Ott, Nicholas Ott, Richard Ott III, Jay Sharpe, and Roy Skarin. Interment was Monday, April 21, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at the Glenwood Cemetery in Ogden, IA.

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