

MURIEL I. BENKERT

February 13, 1914 - April 12, 1998

Muriel I. Benkert, age 84, died April 12, 1998, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital.

She was born on February 13, 1914 in Washington Township, Green County, the daughter of Alfred J. and Emily (Readeker) Isely. She was confirmed at the Zwingli UCC in Monticello.

Muriel graduated from Monticello High School in 1931 and following graduation from Browns Business College, she worked at First McNess Company in Freeport. She married Glenn R. Benkert on March 4, 1939 at the Zwingli UCC Church in Monticello.

Together they farmed in the rural Orangeville area and later moved to the Benkert home farm in Monroe Township, retiring to Monroe in 1965. There she worked as a secretary for Clarno Mutual Insurance Company for many years. Muriel served as chairman of the Argus School Board. was a 4-H leader, member of Homemakers, the Monroe Women's Club, and member of the Monroe United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years and was a member of the Deborah Circle.

An avid china painter and quilter, she derived great pleasure in making special gifts for her family. She had a quick wit, loved to entertain, and especially delighted in time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, teaching them with love and patience to do many of her favorite things. Her church and family was her greatest joy and Glenn and Muriel celebrated their Golden Wedding with family at the United Methodist Church in 1989.

Joining her beloved husband in heaven one year to the day, she will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered by her daughters, Janice (Jan) Benkert of Monroe and Christine Benkert of Minneapolis; her twin brother, Merle Isely of Rockford; sister Mrs. Donald (Florence) Uehling of Cincinnati; two granddaughters, Mrs. Scott (Deborah) Nesemeier, Lena, IL and Denee Grenzow of Monroe; six great-grandchildren, Kristen, Brandon, Darren and Jonathon Nesemeier of Lena, and Daniel Glenn Benkert and Ryan Grenzow of Monroe; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1965, her mother in 1988, three brothers, Karl in 1927, Hazen in 1946, Edwin in 1965, a sister Lois in 1997 and her husband, April 12, 1997.

Funeral services were Saturday April 18, at the Monroe United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Preisig and Rev. Erwin H. Pegel officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe.

