

IRIS N. DAHMS

Iris N. Dahms, age 82, Lancaster, died peacefully on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at Orchard Manor Nursing Home, Lancaster.

Iris was born on August 15, 1921 in Monroe, the daughter of Jacob J. and Ethel May (Steinmann) Elmer Jr. Iris, who was a life long learner, graduated from Monticello High School in 1939, attended Green County Normal School and earned a master's degree from Platteville State Teacher's College. She started her teaching tenure in Browntown as a one room schoolhouse teacher and taught 36 of her 42-year teaching career as a first grade teacher at Winskill Elementary, Lancaster.

Iris was a past recipient of the Lancaster Plus, Crystal Apple and WEAC-Friends of Education (2002) awards because of her unwavering commitment to education. She also was a staunch Democrat and loved state and federal politics.

She married Frederic Dahms on December 28, 1941 in Monticello. He preceded her in death in 1977.

Survivors include a sister, Helen (Merlyn) Loveland, Monroe; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; her colleagues and students from Winskill Elementary; and the community of Lancaster. Her survivors will long remember and treasure her memory.

Private family services will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe. Memorials can be made in Iris memory to the Monticello Public Library.

The Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello is assisting the family.