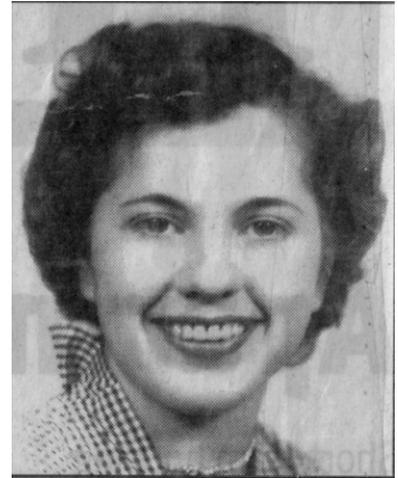


IRENE R. NEUENSCHWANDER

MADISON – Irene R Neuenschwander, age 73, passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at the HospiceCare Center in Fitchburg, finally seeing the Lord in person, and reuniting with her beloved sister and brothers.

Irene was born on February 21, 1934 in Postville, WI the daughter of Conrad Jr. and Rosa (Duerst) Elmer. She was raised on the family farm along with her eleven brothers and sisters. Irene graduated from Monticello High School on May 23, 1952. She married Hans Neuenschwander in 1957, marking the milestone of fifty years of marriage this past April. She was a loving stay-at-home mom, raising her son David, and for many years helped out in so many ways with the family business, Hans' Sewing & Vacuum in Madison.



Irene was a quiet and gentle person who loved learning just about anything, butterflies, flowers, recipes, and talking about or to anyone about the “old days” when times were often harder but at the same time much simpler.

Irene is survived by her loving husband Hans Neuenschwander; a son, Dave (Lucy) Neuenschwander, Sun Prairie; grandchildren Jessica and Eric Neuenschwander; a brother, Sylvan (Dorothy) Elmer, Spring Green; five sisters, Velma Schute, Evansville, Doris Aebly, Monroe, Mabel (Duane) Shippy, Monroe, Charlotte Tresner, Monroe, and Carolyn (Dave) Pederson, Lodi.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Elfa Wenger, four brothers, Harvey, Melvin, John, and Vernon Elmer, and her beloved cat Missy.

The family expresses its sincere appreciation to her primary physician, Dr. Calvin Bruce, the staff of Waunakee Manor, St. Mary's Hospital, Dr Glenn Liu, associates and staff at U. W. Hospital Oncology, and all of Mom's 5 “Angels” at HospiceCare in Fitchburg. A special thanks to daughter-in-law Lucy, who would do anything for anyone, and did everything she could do for Irene.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am. on Monday, August 20, 2007 at the Washington Reformation United Church of Christ, N6026 Church Road, Monticello, WI, Pastor Mary Gafner officiating with burial in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

Visitation will be held from 5 p. m. to 7 p m. on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at the Becker—Beal Funeral Home, 109 Greenway Cross, Belleville, WI.

The family encourages memorials to be made to HospiceCare.