

OBITUARY

Violet Orchard

March 30, 1910– March 10, 2012

Violet M.Orchard, (nee Locker) passed away Saturday, March 10,2012, at Fairhaven in Whitewater. She was born March 30, 1910, in Oconomowoc, the daughter of Gerhard and Katherine Raasch Locker.

She attended parochial and public schools there, was confirmed in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in 1923 and graduated from Oconomowoc High School with the class of 1927. She attended Spencerian business College. She was employed by the Oconomowoc Canning Co. and worked in the booking department from 1928 through 1937.

She married Curtis Alvin Orchard on Sept. 25, 1932 at Sussex. They moved to Wauwatosa in 1933 and to the Little Prairie area in 1943, raising their Guernsey cattle on their farm known as "Happy Acres." She was a member of the Little Prairie United Methodist Church and its Women's Society, where she held various offices in both organizations. She was also a member of Ward's Senior Homemakers. In addition, she was a charter member of the Palmyra Historical Society. She belonged to the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee, The Eagle Historical Society and the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association.

She is survived by three children, Kathryn (Robert) Morrow , William (Kathleen) Orchard and David (Terri) Orchard ; five grandchildren, Julie of Janesville, Kristi Orchard (Brian Laufenberg) of Columbus and Jennifer Orchard of Madison, and Curtis and Heidi Orchard of Palmyra; and one great grandson, Dane Laufenberg. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Evelyn Best, Beatrice Locker and Frances Fulmer; and two brothers, Gerhard and Ronald Locker in infancy.

Visitation was on Thursday, March 15 with the funeral service on Friday, March 16, with Donald Enright officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Little Prairie United Methodist Church. Haase-Lockwood and Assoc. Funeral Home assisted the family.