

Violet Locker Orchard

OCONOMOWOC — Violet Locker Orchard passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Fairhaven in Whitewater.

Violet, the daughter of Gerhard and Katherine Raasch Locker, was born on March 30, 1910, in Oconomowoc. 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 Oconomowoc Canning Company 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."

Violet was a member of Little Prairie United Methodist Church and its Women's Society where she held various offices in both organizations. She also was a member of Ward's Senior Homemakers where she also held various offices. In addition, she was a charter member of the Palmyra Historical Society. She also belonged to the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee, Eagle Historical Society and Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association.

She is survived by three children, Kathryn (Robert) Morrow of Hattiesburg, Miss., William (Kathleen) Orchard of Janesville and David (Terri) Orchard of Palmyra; and five grandchildren, Julie of Janesville, Kristi Orchard (Brian Laufenberg) of Columbus, Jennifer Orchard of Madison, 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 for Violet will be held on Thursday, March 15, from 4 until 7 p.m., and on Friday, March 16, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Haase-Lockwood and Associates Funeral Home and Crematory, 320 W. Main St. in Palmyra, with Donald Enright officiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to The Little Prairie United Methodist Church.

For online guest registry, please go to: www.haaselockwoodfhs.com. The funeral home telephone number is (262) 495-2127.

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