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Betty J. Dunham, 83

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Betty Jean Dunham, 83, of Marshalltown, died Feb. 1, 2009, while at home with Bob and under the care of Iowa River Hospice.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Marshalltown, with Reverend Dale Batcheler officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. In honor of Betty, memorials may be directed to Community Nursing Service of Marshalltown. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com Pursel-Davis has been entrusted to arrangements.

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Betty was born April 25, 1925, the daughter of Herbert and Emma (Ogden) Wilson in Marshalltown, Iowa. After graduating from Marshalltown High School in 1943, Betty attended a year of college at both Iowa and Drake. On Sept. 12, 1945, Betty was united in marriage to Bob Dunham at First United Methodist Church in Marshalltown.

Betty was a homemaker and enjoyed reading and listening to her favorite big band music. She was a special wife and mom who loved spending time with her family and supporting the boys at their sporting events. Betty was a member of First United Methodist Church and a past board member of Community Nursing Service.

Betty will be missed by her husband of 63 years, F.R. "Bob" Dunham; sons, Steve Dunham of Marshalltown and Jeff (Maria) Dunham of Robins; grandchildren: Emily Dunham, Ryan Dunham, Robert Dunham and Alyssa Dunham; and great grandchildren: Meriel Leavy, Jazlyn Leavy and Chloe Dunham.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers and sisters; and a daughter, Diane Denise in 1952.

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