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Blanche M. Kerkvliet, 91, formerly of Fairchild, passed away Thursday evening, Nov. 5, 2009, at Family Heritage Care Center in Black River Falls.

Blanche M. Kerkvliet, daughter of Roy and Bernice (Adams) McMillen, was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Clovis, N.M. She attended Texas Woman's College in Denton, Texas, before taking a position at Cabot Industries in Pampa, Texas.

She met Edmund J. Kerkvliet during World War II, and the couple married Feb. 28, 1946, at Holy Souls Catholic Church in Pampa. Ed and Blanche lived in Pampa before moving to Larchwood, Iowa. They eventually moved to rural Fairchild, where they purchased a farm in 1952. She performed part-time bookkeeping duties for Farmers Union Co-op and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, rural Fairchild, where she was active in the Altar Society. Due to failing health, she had been a resident at the

care center since September 2005.

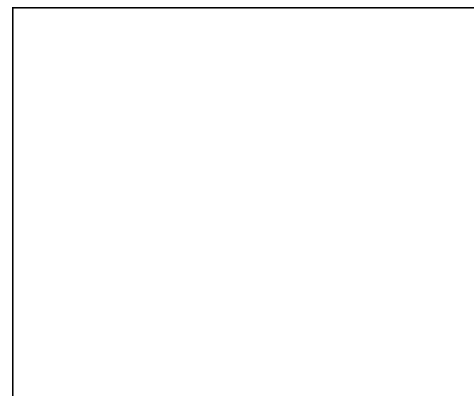
She is survived by two sons, Stephen and Judy Kerkvliet of McKinney, Texas, and James and Stephanie Kerkvliet of Racine; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Kerkvliet of Corvallis, Ore.; eight grandchildren, Justin Potter, Peter Kerkvliet, Jason (Dawn) Kerkvliet, Kevin Kerkvliet, Kristin (Andrew) Ross, Angela (Robert) Eller, Kelly Kerkvliet and Breanne Kerkvliet; a great-granddaughter, Ava Kate Eller; and sisters-in-law, Fern Kerkvliet and Mary Diffley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edmund; a son, Paul Kerkvliet; and a sister, Janet Graham.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, rural Fairchild, with the Rev. Jude Dioka officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Anderson Funeral Home, Augusta, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Family Heritage Care Center for the loving care shown to Blanche while she was with them. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials donated to Family Heritage Care Center. Black River Falls.



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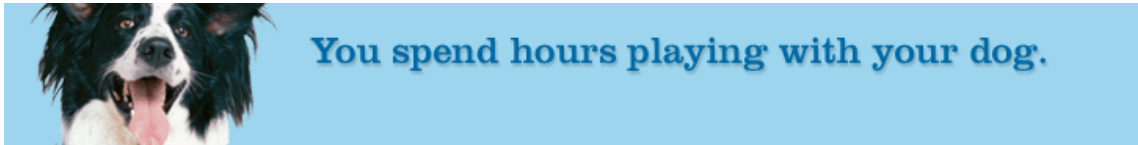
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