

*M*ildred F. Welch, age 101, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Southridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marshalltown, Iowa, while in their care, that of Iowa River Hospice, and her loving family.

Born August 21, 1908, in rural Cherokee County, Iowa, Mildred was the daughter, and second child, of George and Alice (Leonard) Turner. She attended country school through the 8th grade, and following graduation from Wilson High School in Cherokee in 1926, she graduated from Iowa State Teachers College, with further coursework to follow at Buena Vista College. Mildred taught school in the Rembrandt, Fort Dodge and Cherokee school districts.

On December 18, 1933, she was married to Russell H. Welch in Rockport, Missouri. Following their marriage, they resided in Sioux City and Cherokee until 1970, when they retired and built their Lakeside home. Following her husband's death in 1988, Mildred remained in their home until 1998. She then moved to Lake Pointe Villa in Storm Lake, where she lived until 2005, when moving to Marshalltown to be near family.

Mildred was a member of the United Methodist Church, its evening circle, and her Neighborhood Club. Retirement provided Mildred and Russ with time for winter vacations in Arizona and Florida, for traveling with their children and grandchildren, and for entertaining family in their home, especially their Fourth of July gatherings at the lake. At one time, Mildred took joy in crocheting afghans, which all in her family still hold precious. Upon reaching the milestone of becoming a centenarian, Mildred was delighted to receive recognition certificates from Iowa's governor and the President of the United States.

Grateful for having shared her life are her two daughters: Sally (Leo) Cram of Columbia, Missouri and Nancy (Gill) Hartliep of Marshalltown, Iowa; six grandchildren: Barbara (Mike) Rooney of Ashburn, Virginia; Debra (Andy) Metsker of Leavenworth, Kansas; Julie (Jerry) Bark of Kingsport, Tennessee; James (Lori) Cram of Shakopee, Minnesota; Steve (Gina) Hartliep of Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Susan Hartliep of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; and eight great grandchildren: Austen Rooney, Chris and Matt Hager, Jeff and Angie Bark, Joshua Cram, and Nicholas and Lauren Hartliep.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell in 1988; brother, William; and son-in-law, Leo Cram.



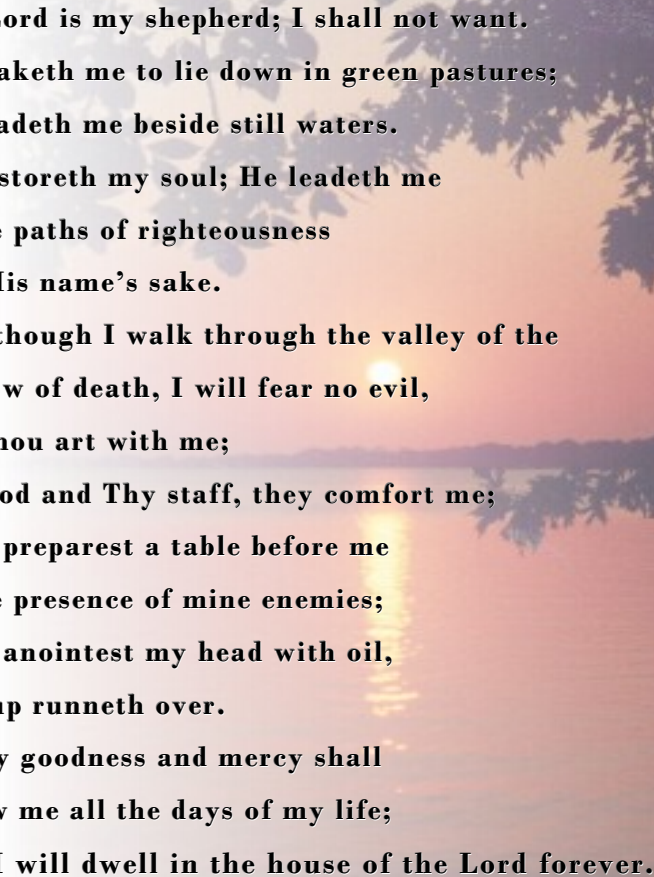
In Loving Memory



Mildred F. Welch



1908 — 2010



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—Psalm 23

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship and sharing at the church immediately following the service.

IN MEMORY OF

Mildred F. Welch

August 21, 1908 — April 18, 2010

FUNERAL SERVICE

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Storm Lake, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend Jerry E. Oakland

ORGANIST

Deanna Larson

SOLOIST

*Larry Hecht
"Softly and Tenderly"
"In The Garden"*

CASKET BEARERS

*Barbara Rooney, Debra Metsker, Julie Bark
James Cram, Steve Hartliep, Susan Hartliep*

INTERMENT

*Oak Hill Cemetery
Cherokee, Iowa*

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