



## Iva Hyams

February 14, 1924 - May 27, 2012

Iva Hyams, age 88, of Newell, Iowa and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, May 27, 2012 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center. Iva Grace Bradbury was born February 14, 1924, in Howard, South Dakota, the daughter of Albert and Mary (Theophilus) Bradbury. She attended school in Howard, South Dakota, graduating from Howard High School in 1942. During her time in high school, Iva expressed her love of writing by becoming the editor of her high school yearbook and newspaper. Following graduation, Iva enrolled at the Twin City Business College where she received her degree. She then worked at Twin City Arsenal. Later, she would move to Chicago where she met Dr. John Schut, an Army medical intern. They were married in 1945. They would live in Chicago, prior to moving to Washington D.C., and the Minneapolis area. During that time, Iva worked at various secretarial jobs. While in Minneapolis, Iva shared an apartment with her sisters, Beth and Marie, making many good memories. In 1967, Iva became a corporate secretary at Bechik General Metals. In 1971, Iva met widower, Bob Hyams while working at Bechik. On November 24, 1973, Iva married the love of her life, Robert Hyams. They enjoyed cooking, traveling together, and writing poems and letters to each other. Their home was made in the Twin Cities area, where they resided their entire married life. Iva was devoted to "her" Bob and lovingly cared for him during his last years with Alzheimer's disease. Her creative writing became a necessary respite during this time and she was involved in several writing groups. Iva moved to Storm Lake to be closer to

her sister and family, Marie and Byron Crippin, Linda Crippin, Dr. Dave and Glee Crippin, Alex (Laura) and Nick. Her Bichon-frise, Kristy Bear, was her constant companion after Bob's death in 1993. Iva became an active member of the Storm Lake community. She wrote the Inklings Column in the Storm Lake Times, as well as contributing to various writing groups through the Storm Lake Library. Presenting many programs on writing and sharing her teddy bear collection brought Iva much enjoyment. In 2002, Iva proudly published Inklings, a collection of her poetry and short stories. Entertaining and gourmet cooking were two of Iva's most favorite things to do, other than writing. She cherished her time with the family and friends she was surrounded by. Later, Iva moved to Wel-Life in Alta, Iowa, where she absolutely loved living. Those left to cherish Iva's memory include her step-daughter, Marilyn (Walter) Williams; step grandchildren: Jeff Mershon, Joseph Leonard, Nancy (Paul) Whissel, Robyn Williams, Walter Williams; step-great grandchildren: Molly Whissel and Harrison Whissel; sisters: June Comstock of Milbank, South Dakota, Margie Jewell of Grand Junction, Colorado; Bev Prostrollo of Deadwood, South Dakota; sisters-in-law: Lucy Bradbury and Maxine Bradbury; brother-in-law, Byron Crippin of Storm Lake, Iowa; special friends: Ron and June Bryan; Bev Edmondson; Marie Herron; Sally and Jon Ites; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Hyams; step-children: Ruth Hable and Roberta Leonard; sisters: Sylvia (Bob) Jones; Edna (Ray) Shove; Marie Crippin; Elizabeth Gensurowsky; brothers-in-law: Don Prostrollo, Bill Jewell and Fran Comstock.