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Betty Drake, 82

April 8, 1925 - Oct. 30, 2007

LAS VEGAS, NV — Betty Louise Drake was born April 8, 1925, in rural Guthrie County, the daughter of Robert and Josephine Brown. She attended Irwin Schools and following her graduation, attended the State Teachers' College of Iowa (now the University of Northern Iowa), obtaining a teaching certificate in elementary education in 1945.

Betty married Dean Drake May 19, 1948, at the Methodist Church in Des Moines. They had one son, Rodney. She taught elementary school in Tennant, Polk City, and Ames. She also worked at the Beloit Children's Home in Ames and as a teacher's aide in the Ames Public Schools. Betty was a member of the First Methodist Church in Ames for more than 50 years, as well as a member of the D.A.R., P.E.O. and International Rose O'Neill Association. She died Oct. 30, 2007, in Las Vegas, NV at age 82 years.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents of Irwin, and her sister, Virginia Dethlefs of Manning. She is survived by her husband, Dean; one son, Rodney (Marilyn), all of Las Vegas, NV; and her sister, Roberta Brown of Nevada.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6, 2007, at the Stevens Memorial Chapel in Ames, with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Burial was in the Sheldahl Cemetery in Sheldahl. Casket bearers were Dennis Drake, Jeff Drake, Doyle Drake, Rick Lohrmann, Dennis Hokel, and Jim Karsten.
