

Muriel (Micki) Dirks Lounsberry, 88, of McCallsburg, IA died on December 26, 2008 from complications after a fall on the ice. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg. Visitation will be from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in McCallsburg. Interment will be at the Colo Cemetery.

Micki was born to Lillian & Esler C Dirks in Decorah, IA, October 25, 1920. She graduated from Decorah High School in 1937 & went on to earn her college degree in Physical Education from Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI). After graduation she taught for a year in Scarville, IA. In August 1942 she married Robert H (Bob) Lounsberry. While he served in WW II she waited patiently at home. After WW II they made their home on the family farm near McCallsburg where they raised their family.

Micki served in various leadership roles and was actively involved in many community and civic organizations throughout her lifetime. Some of those include the McCallsburg Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of North Central Iowa, Lions Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Prevent Blindness Iowa, Iowa Republican Women, PEO Sisterhood, and Order of the Eastern Star. She visited all across the State of Iowa, traveled all of the United States, and represented Iowa in many countries around the world with her husband Bob while he served as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture for eighteen years.

She is survived by five children: Bill Lounsberry of Ankeny, IA; Beth Rumph of Plano, TX; Janet (Peter) King of Cedar Rapids, IA; Paul (Kim) Lounsberry of Indianola, IA; and Steve (Linda) Lounsberry of Cedar Rapids, IA; her sister Joann Anderson of Minneapolis, MN; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years Robert H Lounsberry, an infant son, two sisters, and a brother.

Memorials may be made to the Story County Medical Center Endowment Foundation, 630 Sixth St, Nevada, IA 50201.

Fredrigill Funeral Home, Zearing, IA is in charge of arrangements. Ph: 641-487-7500. (DM Register ID# 1452)