



## Helen Ritz

March 6, 2008

OTTUMWA: Helen Ruth Ritz, 79, of Ottumwa, Iowa and former Bloomfield, Iowa resident died March 6, 2008 at the Ottumwa Good Samaritan Center. She was born April 13, 1928 in Bloomfield, Iowa to Fernando and Dorothy Van Horn Tharp. She married Keith Ritz April 12, 1946 in Bloomfield. He preceded her in death August 14, 1996. She was owner/operator of Pickwick Sundries in Ottumwa. She is survived by 3 sons, Dale and Garold Ritz of Ottumwa, and Richard Ritz of Crocker, Missouri; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Irene Hougland of Bloomfield and Janet Myer of Iberia, Missouri; and 2 brothers, Jerry Tharp of Bloomfield, and Richard Tharp of Ottumwa. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 2 sisters, Mary Pickens and Hazel Tharp; and 2 brothers, Donald and Charles Tharp. Funeral services will be at 2:30pm Monday, March 10, 2008 at Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. James Wakelin officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin after 9am Sunday at the funeral home with the family present to greet friends from 2-4pm. A memorial has been established to the Ottumwa Good Samaritan Center.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Ritz*

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