



Name: Pat (Florine) Pokorny Spouse: Daniel Pokorny

Present Address: 5347 Graceland A, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Occupation: Specialist-Orientation/Mobility Spouse's Occupation: deceased

Children: Philip-28---David-26-----Elizabeth- 23
(Names and ages)

Grandchildren: Brooke--James
(Names and ages)

Please share with us a little about your life: (write letter in space below)

In my kitchen window is a plaque "I'm proud to be a Farmer" it could also read "I'm proud to be an Iowan". In the 40 years it seems that most has been away from Iowa with happy years in Washington D.C. and St. Louis with my husband Dan and growing family, but Cherokee, Iowa held a special place. Teaching physical education to multiply handicapped children was a challenge and enjoyable but as years past it got to be more physically taxing. Dan,s death in '90 convinced me it was time for a change and I went back to college. The new degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is in Education/Rehabilitation of the visually impaired and qualifies me as a specialist in orientation and mobility (teaching visually impaired to travel about with a long white cane). I am currently employed at Bosma Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis which is a personal adjustment center for adults. I have a home near Butler University and am really thankful that I made the change. I have a guest bedroom so be sure to stop!

Please tell us your favorite memory of school days in Cherokee:

To rank the events in high school on a scale is most difficult because though the education was good and solid and stood me in good stead at college, it was the extra curricular events like plays, proms, slumber parties, and long discussions that really pop into my head. Being the lead in the play "Curious Savage" was a real high time.