

PALMER

Frances R. Hulbert, 86

Palmer resident Frances R. Hulbert, 86, died Dec. 6, 2001, at Valley Hospital surrounded by her family.



Hulbert

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 2 p.m.

Wednesday at St. Michael's

Catholic Church in Palmer. Visitation will precede Mass, with a reception afterward. Burial will be at Aurora Cemetery in Wasilla.

Mrs. Hulbert was born March 14, 1915, in Moorland, Iowa, the second of 10 children born to George and Mary Byrne. After attending school in a one-room rural schoolhouse, then Iowa State University, she taught high school and worked with the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service.

In 1945, she came to Palmer to work with the Alaska Cooperative Extension Service. She met and married Jim Hulbert, then spent several adventuresome years prospecting and mining gold at Chicken in the Fortymile area. After the Hulbert family returned to Palmer in 1952, Mrs. Hulbert worked as a school teacher, then as the Cooperative Extension Service agent, retiring in 1971. She traveled extensively teaching home economics skills.

Her family wrote: "Frances and Jim then built a retirement home in Wasilla, then moved into the Pioneer Home in 1997. Frances loved to travel, taking Jim on world cruises, safaris, and visiting relatives.

"Frances was involved in church activities, and was a founder of Bishop's Attic. She was active in Beta Sigma Phi, PTA, local Homemakers clubs, the Fiber Arts Guild, and served as a 4-H Club leader.

"Besides keeping active with her friends and social activities, Fran's hobbies included gardening, weaving and spinning, and judging at the fair."

Mrs. Hulbert was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, and five of her siblings.

may be made to St. Michael's Parish.

