



Mary Burkhart

March 30, 1927 - May 13, 2010

Mary A. Burkhart, 83, formerly of rural Woodward, passed away at the Hearthstone Memory Care Unit at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone, Iowa on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 2010 where she had been a resident since July of 2007. She was born on March 30, 1927 in Dallas Center, Iowa, the daughter of Russell and Elpha (Gilliland) Vaughn. Mary graduated from Woodward High School in 1945. Following graduation, she moved to Des Moines and attended comptometer school. On August 22, 1952, she married Wayne A. Burkhart at the Methodist Parsonage in Omaha, Nebraska. They lived and farmed in rural Woodward. Mary was a homemaker. In the 1980s, she also worked as a dietary aide at Woodward State Hospital, retiring in 1990. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Boone, Order of the Eastern Star – Perry Faithful Chapter in Perry and the American Legion Auxiliary in Woodward. Mary enjoyed gardening, reading, crochet and embroidery. She served as Worthy Matron of Faithful Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Woodward on three occasions, and served a term as Iowa's Grand Representative to Wyoming. Mary was also active in the First United Methodist Church Women's Circle. Her greatest joy was time spent with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne in 1998, seven brothers and two sisters. Survivors include two sons, Mark Burkhart and wife Donna and Wayde Burkhart and wife Julie; three grandsons, Donald, Caleb and Mason Burkhart and one granddaughter, Mallory Burkhart all of rural Woodward; three sisters Lena McMahan of Des Moines, Ruth Garren of Perry and Martha Kennedy of Woodward; two sisters-in-law Marion Vaughn of Woodward and Aletha Vaughn of Boone; several nieces and nephews. Services will be held on Thursday morning, May 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone with Rev. Phil Webb officiating. Following the service, Mary's wishes were to be cremated with private burial of her cremains at a later date in the People's Cemetery in Woodward. Friends may call at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone on Wednesday evening, May 12th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the family present during that time to greet friends. Visitations will continue Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. until the time of service. An Eastern Star service conducted by the Perry Faithful Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be on Wednesday evening, May 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathies through a memorial may

direct their gift to the Hearthstone Memory Care Unit at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone.

Comments



“ Wayde, Mark, sorry to find out so late about your Mom passing. She was a wonderful lady and we loved visiting with your family many years ago. I had kept in touch with her for a few years and then lost touch; she sent me pictures of you'all one year and it was great to see you guys again.

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