



Floy L. Jones

July 13, 1909 - April 11, 2011

Sigourney, Iowa

Visitation: After 3:00 P.M., with family present from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. to greet friends and relatives. There will be an Eastern Star service beginning at 6:30 P.M. April 12, 2011 at Fremont Funeral Chapel, Fremont, Iowa

Funeral Service: 10:30 A.M. April 13, 2011 at Fremont Funeral Chapel, Fremont, Iowa

Interment: Brooks Cemetery, near Hedrick, Iowa

Floy was born July 13, 1909, in Clearfield, Iowa, to Martha Grace Shafer and Harry Baker; she was raised in North Dakota and graduated from Fessenden High School in 1926. Two years later while working at Northwest Telephone Company, she met Ralph E. Jones, who was a teacher in Carrington, North Dakota. Ralph later accepted a position in Grinnell, Iowa, and on New Year's Day, 1934, they were united in marriage in Grinnell, Iowa.

After taking over operation of the Hedrick Journal in Hedrick, Iowa, Floy and Ralph published the Hedrick Journal newspaper for 40 years. Floy also served as interim postmaster in 1957 and was a substitute postal clerk for 15 years. She was a member of the Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church, served on numerous committees, and sang in the church choir for many years. She was a 50-year member of the Hedrick Order of Eastern Star, and served as an officer for over half of that time. Her love of the community was shown in many ways, but Floy's participation in the Hedrick Granny Cheerleaders at Hedrick High School in the 1980's was the most enjoyable. The granny squad performed at local basketball games, cheered the Hawkeyes in Iowa City, Iowa, and was interviewed on ABC's Good Morning America television show. Floy was a faithful supporter of the community she called home for seven decades. Whether she was attending an athletic event with her husband, going fishing or hunting with her sons, checking out yard sales with her daughter, Helen, making quilts for the grandchildren, or working on a Hedrick Booster project, Floy was indeed a remarkable woman. She could be seen riding her bicycle around town until she moved to the Care Center in 2003. "Remarkable" describes her well.

Floy is survived by her two sons: Gary (Shirley) Jones of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Allen (Luanne) Jones of Batavia, Iowa; her son-in-law: Vern Ball, of Bloomfield, Iowa; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; her parents; a daughter, Helen Jones Ball; an infant granddaughter, Debbie Diane Ball; a sister, Ruth Slusher; and two brothers: Clarence Baker and Glen Baker.

Fremont Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Memorials have been established to the Carl Craft Civic Center or the Hedrick Community Center.