



## LaRue Knowler

September 19, 1926 - December 15, 2005

Delta, Iowa

Visitation: Open after 12:00 O'clock noon with family present between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 P.M. December 18, 2005 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Funeral Service: 10:30 AM on Monday December 19, 2005 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Garrett Cemetery

LaRue Knowler was born September 20th, 1926, in rural Fremont, to Alva and Lucy Springer Steele. She graduated from Fremont High School in 1945. Following graduation she attended Ottumwa Heights College, where she obtained her teaching certificate. Later she received her Degree from William Penn College in Oskaloosa and Drake University in Des Moines. Her teaching career began in Eddyville and Rose Hill Public Schools. She was united in marriage to Harold Knowler, November 27th, 1947 in Lancaster, MO. They resided in the White Oak community, and in 1952 moved to a farm near Delta. From 1948 until 1958 she stayed home to raise her family and help on the farm. In 1959 she resumed her teaching career in Rose Hill, and then in 1960 she began teaching in the Pekin Community School District, where she remained until her retirement in 1988.

LaRue's enjoyments included her grandchildren, cooking, camping, collecting antiques, and gardening. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Delta Christian Church, Ladies Auxiliary, Trees Forever, Town and Country member, Retired Teachers Association, and the Delta Housing Board.

She is survived by her husband, Harold, of Delta, a son, Calvin (Teddi) Knowler of Sigourney, two daughters, Carol Ann (David) Hardeman of Rose Hill, and Cathy Knowler of Delta. Two brothers, David (Betty) Steele of Oskaloosa, and George (Connie) Steele of Ottumwa. Three sisters, Maxine Strunk of Holiday, FL., a twin sister, LaOra (Ken) Miles also of Florida, and Elnora Norris of Fremont. Four grandchildren, Carrie (Jay) Malin, Rebecca Knowler, Mark Knowler, and Thad (Julia) Hardeman, and one great-grandson, Samuel Hardeman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, LaVerne Steele, and a sister Mary Ellen Steele.

Memorials may be made in her name to either Keokuk County Hospice or the Delta Christian Church.