

Cairns, Leota Allen d. 1-20-2004

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JUNE 5, 1916-JAN. 20, 2004

Leota Cairns, 87, of Maxwell, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Mill Pond Care Center in Ankeny. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Jan. 24, at Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell, with the Rev. Tom Lee officiating. Burial will be in Maxwell Cemetery.

Leota was born June 5, 1916, near Maxwell, the daughter of Charles and Olive Blanche (Harrison) Allen. She graduated from Maxwell High School and attended the Iowa School of Beauty. She married William "Bill" Cairns Oct. 14, 1941, at Elkhart. Bill preceded her in death Dec. 16, 2003. Leota owned and operated the beauty shop in Maxwell for 12 years. She was a member of the Maxwell Presbyterian Church. Leota enjoyed sewing, canning, playing cards, dancing and fishing.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Shirley Cairns of Maxwell, Steve and Debra Cairns of Ankeny, Dennis and Michelle Cairns of Maxwell; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ava Miller and Queen Elliott, both of Mill Pond in Ankeny.

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Visitation will be from 7 to 8 tonight at Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell.

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