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Mercedes M. Cessford



Born: 7/10/1920
Died: 6/15/2002

Services will be held at: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at St. Henry's Catholic Church

Visitation times are: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday at Pursel-Davis Funeral home & Crematory, where the family will greet friends from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mercedes M. Cessford, age 81, of 2020 Elmcrest Drive, Marshalltown, Iowa, died Saturday, June 15, 2002, at her home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at St. Henry's Catholic Church, with Father Louis Jaeger of St. Henry's Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Friends may call for VISITATION from 4:30 to 9 P.M. Tuesday, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will greet friends from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. There will be a Public Vigil Service held at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established in her name.

Mercedes was born July 10, 1920, in New Hampton, Iowa the daughter of Theodore and Elizabeth Zimmer Streit. Raised and educated in the area of her birth, she graduated from the New Hampton Catholic School and attended beautician school in Waterloo. She was employed as a licensed beautician with her sisters, under the name of Three Sisters Beauty Salon. On August 30, 1940, Mercedes was united in marriage to Harold Cessford in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Together they owned and operated Cessford's Drive Inn in Des Moines during the mid-fifties. They later moved to Iowa Falls, and in 1966, moved to Toledo to operate the family construction business. Following the death of her husband in 1991, she continued to live in Toledo, moving to Marshalltown in 1996. Mercedes is survived by her daughter: Heidi (Mrs. Steve) Krabbe of Marshalltown, two sisters: Frances (Mrs. Richard) Steelman of Fort Dodge and Alvera Jensen, Ralston, Nebraska, and her two grandsons: Ryan and Kyle Krabbe of Marshalltown. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold on October 30, 1991, and a brother Oscar Streit .