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Phyllis Ruth Cook



Born: 5/1/1927
Died: 4/29/2002

Services will be held at: 1:30 P.M., Thursday, May 02, 2002 at the Union Community Church, Union, Iowa with the Rev. Rick Schill and Rev. Lloyd McDonald, officiating. MEMORIALS may be directed to the Union City Library.

Visitation times are: There are no scheduled visitations.

PHYLLIS RUTH COOK, age 74, formerly of Union, Iowa, died Monday, April 29, 2002 at the Valley View Nursing Center in Eldora, Iowa, where she had been a resident for the last six years. Her body has been donated to the University of Iowa.

Phyllis was born in Boston, Massachusetts in May 01, 1927, the daughter of Arthur L. & Florence S. (Sirkin) Feldman. She was educated in the Boston schools and graduated from Boston University in 1947. Following graduation, stations WTIC in Hartford, Connecticut and WBZ in Boston, employed her. In 1950, she went to Tokyo, Japan, as a civil service employee of the United States Army. She was a continuity writer for the Armed Forces Radio Service at Camp Haugen in Hachinohe, Japan. Phyllis spent the remainder of her tour in Japan at Camp Drake near Tokyo, where she worked for the Base Chaplain and Deputy Post Commander. After working for the United States Air Force in Boston during 1953, she left for Germany as a civil service employee with the Air Force. She was stationed at Rhein Main Air Force Base near Frankfurt as an information specialist. During this time, she married Frank L. Cook of New Providence, Iowa. Upon their return to the United States, she lived in Ames, Iowa while her husband completed his education at Iowa State University. While in Ames, she was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture. They returned to Hardin County and lived on farms near New Providence and Union. Phyllis attended the University of Northern Iowa and obtained an Iowa Teaching Certificate. She taught in Gladbrook, Conrad, the NESCO school in Zearing and at the Marshalltown Community College. She substitute taught in Eldora, Union and New Providence. She received her Master's Degree in Education, with a major in library science, from UNI in 1970. Phyllis also enjoyed volunteer work at the Union-Whitten School Library, the Union City Library and the Valley View Nursing Center in Eldora. She was a member of the Cecilians in Eldora and the Tryst Women's Club in Whitten. She was a board member of the Friendship Apartments in New Providence and the South Hardin Recreation Area in Union. Phyllis and Frank attended the Community Church in Union. Surviving is her husband: Frank of Union, Iowa, three children: Robert & wife Joyce of New Providence, Iowa, Barb & her husband Mark Schwarck of Eldora, Iowa and Richard & his wife Paige of Ames, Iowa and seven grandchildren. Her parents preceded her in death.