



Frances Readout



Born: 11/16/1916

Died: 7/3/2003

Services will be held at: 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7, 2003 at the First Baptist Church
Visitation times are: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Frances Readout, 86, 2114 Edgebrook Drive, died Thursday, July 3, at home with her children and five of her grandchildren at her side. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at

10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7, 2003 at the First Baptist Church. INTERMENT will follow services in Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown. A VISITATION will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, MMSC Foundation or Meals on Wheels.

Frances Electa Harshbarger was born November 16, 1916 in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Ardelle and William Harshbarger. She grew up in Hazleton and Oelwein, Iowa where she graduated from high school in 1935. She graduated from the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Marshalltown in 1938, and began her employment with the hospital as a registered nurse. Frances was united in marriage with Ivan Merle Readout of Marshalltown on September 14, 1940 and they made their home in Marshalltown until 1955 when they moved to a small farm north of town. She moved to her present home in 2000. During her career at the hospital, Mrs. Readout served in several positions, including private duty nursing and night supervisor. Later she completed her BSN degree at the University of Iowa and was an instructor at the MMSC School of Nursing. She was a member of First Baptist Church, SCI Club, ABWA, Entre Nous, Albion New Century Club and was a former president of the Third District Nurses' Association. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and MMSC. Surviving are four children: Sheryl of Marshalltown; John (Cindi) of Marshalltown; Larry (Julie) of Osceola, Iowa; and Steven (Laurie) of Lake City, Florida. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: John and Laura Readout of Marshalltown; Pvt. 1st Class Adam Readout, of the 2nd Battalion, 81st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Kelli, Brett and Matt Readout of Osceola, Iowa and Stacey and Brian Readout of Lake City, Florida. Her husband Ivan preceded her in death on April 18, 1996.