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Betty Jane Main



Born: 1/9/1922
Died: 9/6/2002

Services will be held at: MEMORIAL SERVICES will be at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church, Marshalltown. INTERMENT is PRIVATE and will be at the Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown.

Visitation times are: A PUBLIC GATHERING will be Monday, September 09, 2002 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will be greeting friends.

Betty Main, age 80, of 2004 South Sixth Street, Marshalltown, Iowa died Friday, September 6, 2002 at her home under the care of her family and Iowa River Hospice.. Following cremation at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2002, 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jennifer Daniel and Rev. Jerald Swanberg, officiating. A PUBLIC GATHERING will be from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., Monday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be greeting friends. INTERMENT of Betty's cremated remains will be at Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa. MEMORIALS may be directed to the First United Methodist Church's Fire Safe Fund.

Betty Jane Peck was born January 09, 1922 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was the daughter of Wells Chester & Katharine Marie (Palmer) Peck. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1940 and attended Iowa State College for three years in the Home Economics Department. She then transferred to Coe College where she graduated in Home Economics Education in March 1944. On February 23, 1944 she was married to Lt. Kenneth Leland Main of Searsboro, Iowa. During wartime they lived in Boston; Long Branch, New Jersey and Silver Spring, Maryland. When Kenneth went overseas, Betty was employed as Field Secretary for Camp Fire Girls in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and was a Red Cross Volunteer. When Kenneth returned from the Philippines and occupied Japan, they again lived in Silver Springs while Kenneth was assigned to the Bureau of Standards. The first of their three children was born in Washington, D.C. While the family was growing up, Betty was active in the PTA and the Girl Scouts. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she served as Church Schoolteacher, Local Church Activities Chairman, UMW and Church Historian since 1984. Betty was active in the local Spinning Wheel Chapter of DAR, serving as Regent and served the state as District Director and two terms as State Chaplain. She was active in 16 other Lineage Organizations, one of which is Mayflower Society and a member of 7 other Historic and Genealogical Societies. In many of these groups she has either served as President or Registrar. She was a member of DA Chapter of TTT, Early American Glass Club (Past President), JU Chapter of PEO (Past President), Souvenir Club and Twentieth Century Club of Marshalltown. For several years she team-taught genealogy classes through the YMCA, Public Library and Iowa Valley Adult Education and was Past President of Central Iowa Genealogical Society. Betty has been known for her avid interest in genealogy, not only in determining her family ancestry, but also helping many others in establishing their lineage. She is survived by her husband: Kenneth Main, Marshalltown, Iowa, two daughters: Marcia Marie Main, a teacher in Fort Dodge, Iowa and Laura Lee Crawford, Wheaton, Illinois, presently pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology, a son: Bradley & wife Janet (Pearson) Main, Indianapolis, Indiana, a Research Physiologist, five grandchildren: Ben Crawford, Wheaton, Illinois, Marie (Mrs. David) Ugorek, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Marshall Main, Wheaton, Illinois and Amanda & Monica Main, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents