

**LUCY E.  
MIDDLETON, 90**

Lucy E. Middleton died August 31, 2009. She was born in Rhodes, IA, January 12, 1919, one of the four children born to Will and Mary (Hale) Steiner. She graduated from Rhodes High School. She married Lester Middleton, in Missouri, April 6, 1940. To this union one child was born, a daughter, Beverly.

Lucy worked in the local hardware and grocery stores, at the eggplant and at Donnelly's for several years. She also did wallpapering and painting. In later years, she worked with her husband, who was a finish carpenter, staining, varnishing and painting interiors and exteriors. She liked to read and embroider until she lost her eyesight to glaucoma. She liked antiques and flea markets and garage sales. She liked to go camping and fishing with her grandsons. She always put in a big garden, loved to can and freeze, cook and bake. She always shared the bounty with friends, neighbors, relatives and those less fortunate. She liked feeding the birds and squirrels. She loved her family and was a homemaker. She was as generous in death, as she was in life, as her body was donated for medical research.

Lucy is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Donald) Oxley, of Rhodes; grandson, Andy (Sue) Oxley; great-grandson, Ben of Rhodes; granddaughter Elery (Reed) Egger; great-granddaughter, Kristina Egger; great-grandsons, Austin and Dakota Egger of State Center and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Les; her grandson, Chris Oxley; two brothers, Lloyd and Charles Steiner; her sister, Francis Richeson and several nieces and nephews.

She had lived with her daughter for 13 years, due to failing health. She was a lifelong resident of Rhodes. Burial will be at a later date.

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