

Obituary

Lucy Edith Middleton, 90, Rhodes

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Lucy Edith Middleton of Rhodes, Iowa passed away on August 31st, 2009 following a lengthy illness and short stay at State Center Nursing and Rehab in State Center. Lucy donated her body to Des Moines University so that others may learn. No memorial service is planned at this time. Lucy cared for her parents and husband, and in turn, was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Bev during her final years.

Lucy was born in Rhodes, Iowa on January 12, 1919. She was the daughter of William and Mary (Hale) Steiner. Lucy attended Rhodes High School, graduating in 1937.

On April 6th, 1940 Lucy was united in marriage to Lester Robert Middleton in Missouri. The couple resided in Rhodes, Iowa for all their married lives. Lucy worked for Donnelly's Corporation, several local grocery and hardware stores and the egg plant in Ankeny. Lucy enjoyed being outside tending her vast garden, baking in her kitchen, doing embroidery and caring for her grandchildren. Lucy loved to cook and hosted many holiday dinners at her home for extended family members throughout the years.

Lucy is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Don) Oxley of Rhodes; her grandchildren: Andy (Sue) Oxley of Rhodes, Elery (Reed) Egger of State Center; great grandchildren, Ben Oxley, Kristina, Austin and Dakota Egger and several nieces and nephews.

In death, Lucy has rejoined her parents, her brothers Lloyd, Charles, sister Francis, grandson Chris and beloved husband Lester Middleton (April 1988).