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Margaret Mae Needham

Nov. 9, 1915, to April 4, 2004

Margaret Mae Shultz was born November 9, 1915, in rural Union Township, Floyd County, a daughter of Isaac H. and Nora (Lucian) Shultz, and died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at the Rolling Green Care Center in Nevada.

She attended Marble Rock Consolidated School the first seven years of her schooling and later Greene and Allison schools, before graduating from Charles City High School in 1933 with honors. She taught rural schools in both Floyd and Butler Counties for over six years.

On November 23, 1938, she was united in marriage to Joseph Floyd Needham of Bristow at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Following their marriage they farmed in Bennezzette Township, west of Greene, and near Charles City, until their retirement in March 1976. Following their retirement they enjoyed spending their winters in warmer climates until Floyd's death on Sept. 9, 1990.

Margaret was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her family was her first priority and concern. She enjoyed doing for others.

She was baptized on July 12, 1936, at the First Presbyterian Church in Greene and later became a lifelong member of the church. She held offices in the Presbyterian Women's Circle and Good Cheer Sunday School Class. She was a long time member of the Better Way Club, Farm Bureau and was a 4-H leader.

Those thankful for having shared her life include her two daughters, Nancy Jo (Gary) McWilliams of Palm Springs, CA, and Nora Jane (Frank) Mitchell of Nevada; two grandchildren: Melanie Mitchell of Nevada and Matthew (Jennie) Mitchell of Des Moines; two step grandchildren: Jon (Renee) McWilliams of Maple Grove, MN and Jayne (David) Carriker of Maryland Heights, Mo.; four step great grandchildren: Erin and Taylor McWilliams; Malia and Leah Mai Carriker; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. She was also anticipating the arrival of her great-grandson, Michael Linn Mitchell, in June 2004, son of Matthew and Jennie Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister: De-Ferris Hurd, and four brothers: Phillip, Frank, Galen and Berton Shultz.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at Reid's Funeral Chapel in Greene, where a public scripture service and Service of Remembrance was held at 6 p.m. and also one hour at the church before services.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Greene with Pastor Paul Uzel officiating. Burial was conducted at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may direct memorials to the Margaret M. Needham Memorial Fund, 1818 Third Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201.

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