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Lela Francis Stratton Pershall

Nov. 18, 1915 to May 14, 2003

Lela Francis Stratton Pershall, 87, of Maxwell, died on May 14 at Skiff Hospital in Newton.

She was born Nov. 18, 1915, to Isiah Edwin and Eunice Elsie (Cummings) Stratton. She graduated from Collins High School in 1993. She married Raymond Winfred Pershall on Dec. 20, 1935, and they lived on a farm west of Baxter for many years. When they retired they moved to Maxwell until five years ago when they moved to Baxter to be near family and friends. She was a member of the Maxwell Christian Church, where she was active in the women's club. She enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; a sister, Alma Wayland, of Cedar Rapids; three daughters, Joan Bunkofske, of Cedar Falls, Linda Calvin, of Baxter and Mary Kay Pershall, of Melbourne, Australia; two son-in-laws, James Bunkofske and John Homeshaw; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Ila; a brother, Ralph; and a son-in-law, Jack Calvin.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 17, at Maxwell Christian Church with Pastor Tom Lee officiating. Burial was in the Collins Evergreen Cemetery in Collins. Memorials may be made to the Jasper County Hospice. Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell handled the arrangements.

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Pershall, Lela Stratton d. 5-14-2003
(Mrs. Ray)

LELA PERSHALL

Baxter

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