Lola Mae Highsmith was born February 25, 1924, in State Center, Iowa, the daughter of Lewis Carl and Lilly Mae (Thornly) Highsmith, and passed away Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

She attended high school in State Center, graduating in 1941. Following graduation, she attended AIB College of Business and worked at the Rollins Hosiery Mill in Des Moines, Iowa.

In March of 1946 she was united in marriage to Leroy Nielsen in Des Moines, Iowa. Four children were born to this union. Leroy passed away in June of 1991.


She was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, and most of all spending time with family. Other interests included watching the Cubs, Home and Garden and cooking channels.

Lola was a kind, quiet, easy going woman. She had a strong will, fighting her illness until the end. She will be remembered as a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a beloved friend.

Survivors include her daughters, Ann Richardson and her husband, Jerry of Omaha, Nebraska, and Susan Guffey and her husband, Ray of Stanton, Iowa; her step-daughter, Jan Inks of State Center, Iowa; her step-grandmother, Janet Nielsen of Atlantic, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 4 step-great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Lola was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Lilly Highsmith; her step-mother, Ruth Highsmith; her husbands, Leroy Nielsen and Dale Weuve; her brother, Glenn Highsmith; and her sons, Roger and Carl Nielsen.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 30, 2010, with the visitation one hour prior to the funeral service, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., at Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic, Iowa. Burial was at the Atlantic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in State Center, Iowa, or the Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic, Iowa, is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.hockenberryfamilycare.com.
Word has been received here of the death of Shirley Ann (Borton) Weinstein who was born, Oct. 16, 1925, Clemons, Iowa. She died, Nov. 20, 2009, in West Hollywood, CA. She died of a very aggressive brain cancer at the age of 84. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Weinstein, West Hollywood, CA, a niece, Pamela (Pepper) Newman and family, Big Bear, CA, a nephew, Paul E. Pepper and wife Janet, Alexandria, VA, a niece, Patricia E. (Pepper) Studley and family. She had 4 great nieces and 5 great nephews (one deceased) and 1 great-great niece and 4 great-great nephews.

She was greatly loved by all of her family and many others. She touched the life of everyone she met by her kind and friendly manner. She also had a wonderful voice which she shared for many years professionally and with her church and family.
Reid Beavers, 85, of Collins, died Monday, January 25th, at the Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines while in their care and his loving family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 29th, at the Rhodes United Methodist Church with Pastor Brent DeSilva officiating. Immediately following, there will be a lunch with the family prior to burial. Visitation were held from 5-7:00 p.m. Thursday at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown.

Memorials may be directed to the Kavanaugh House in

Des Moines, the Collins 1st Responders or Rhodes United Methodist Church. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com.

Born on March 6th, 1924, in Decatur County, Iowa, he was one of three children born to J. Rolla and Bertha (Hutchins) Beavers. He attended several schools as a young boy as his father was a farm-hand for many farmers.

The family came to Collins in 1937 when he was in 8th grade. He graduated from the Collins High School's Class of 1942.

On March 24th, 1944, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Wallace at the Iowa Falls United Methodist Church. They made their home near Rhodes farming and purchased their farm at Collins in December of 1967. The couple made this their home until retiring into Collins in 200. Still, Reid enjoyed going to the farm everyday to help with chores.

Reid was a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church and was a born farmer. He treasured the time with his grandchildren- especially camping, his trips to Arizona beginning in 1986 until 200, gardening, cutting wood, playing pool, cribbage, 500 and shuffleboard and driving the school bus for the Collins Schools.

Left to cherish his memory are Lorraine - his loving wife, work partner and best friend of 65 years, three children: Beverly Mills (John Johnson) of Des Moines, Jim (Alice) Beavers of Collins and Frank (LeAnn) Beavers of Colo; eight grandchildren: Michele Brant, T.R. (Bob) Mills, III, Jeffry Mills, Jodi Girard, Jennifer Gerhart, Michael Beavers, Brett Beavers and Laura Greenwell, 11 great-grandchildren, his brother Rex (Phyllis) Beavers of Collins and sister Ramona Mahoney of Polk City.

In death, Reid has rejoined his parents, son Kenneth who died in 1997 and grandson Chad.