Margaret Virginia Holcomb, 83, formerly of Rhodes and recently of Huxley, died December 12, 2000, in Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Services were held at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral home on Dec. 15. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Flag folding rites were performed by the Rhodes American Legion Post #456. Memorials may be directed to the Ballard Creek Foundation in Huxley.

She was born November 11, 1917 near Rolfe, IA, to Guy and Lucille McCray White. She graduated from Rolfe High School, received a BA in music and English from the University of Northern Iowa, and her master’s degree in Child development from Iowa State University.

Margaret enlisted in the WAVES and served her country 10 days short of three years. She was stationed at Lake Hurst, New Jersey where she trained in weather school, completing a two-year course in 12 weeks. Later she transferred to Washington, D.C.. She played her flute in the orchestra and band at Lake Hurst, Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, Washington Civic Symphony, and in the band which gave concerts on the steps of the Capital.


She was a member of The Rhodes United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer for many years, the Rhodes S.S. S.S. Club, Rhodes American Legion, and several teaching organizations.

Margaret liked to read books and magazines on many topics, worked on craft projects, and fed the birds. Her first love was music and she played the piano and flute.

Our sympathies to her son, Gary, and family of Ames, the rest of the family, and her friends in the area.