



Shirley Josephine Hedstrom

January 15, 1928 - December 16, 2012

Shirley Hedstrom, age 84, of Storm Lake, Iowa and formerly of Ida Grove, Iowa died on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at her home in Storm Lake. Shirley Josephine Daley was born January 15, 1928 in Cresco, Iowa the daughter of Robert and Hulda (Nelson) Daley. She was the middle child of five, with two older brothers and two younger sisters. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and her faith was very important to her throughout her life. Growing up, Shirley attended school in Sioux City, Iowa where she graduated from Central High School in 1945. One of her church camp friends lived in Kiron and through her, she met a handsome young man named Gerald. They dated a few times during high school. Following high school graduation, she attended Bethel College, becoming friends with Maydelle Hedstrom, while Gerald went into the service. Shirley held various jobs around Sioux City, including the air base and the telegraph office. Then she moved out to Denver, Colorado with some friends "one was a friend of Gerald's from Kiron, where she began a career as a court reporter with the Social Security office. God always had His hand on their lives; Shirley and Gerald always knew where the other one was and what they were doing due to many mutual friends Years later, Gerald, having been recently widowed, contacted her, they rekindled their relationship and changed her life plans. On January 14, 1967, Shirley was united in marriage to Gerald Hedstrom in Omaha, Nebraska. She didn't just say "I do" to Gerald because he came with three young daughters: Glenda, Gail, and Glee. Together, they

lovingly raised their three daughters on their farm near Ida Grove. Shirley worked as a secretary at Farmland Foods and later became a real estate agent but she most enjoyed being a homemaker, wife and mother. Following retirement, they moved to Storm Lake. Shirley was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Newell, Iowa where she regularly attended women's Bible study. They were long time members of Kiron Baptist Church until they moved to Storm Lake. Shirley was also a member of the Women's Missionary Fellowship and the Birthday Club. Family times were of greatest importance to Shirley. She and Gerald enjoyed visiting grandchildren and great grandchildren around the country. They also enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Europe, Sweden, Brazil and to Arizona for several months in the winter. Shirley definitely had spiritual gifts of hospitality, praying for and encouraging others. She was always sending a card, giving a call, visiting, bringing a gift of food, and offering hospitality to many. You were very fortunate to be on the receiving end of her cooking and hospitality! As a friend described her "Shirley was a woman of grace, of charm, of class and always made everyone she met feel important." Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Gerald Hedstrom of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Glenda (Irv) Larsen of Urbandale, Iowa; Gail (Doug) Lacey of Sioux City, Iowa; Glee (Dave) Crippin of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Ann (David) Davis of Olathe, Kansas; Eric (Melanie) Larsen of Des Moines, Iowa; Amy (Michael) Schrodt of Waukee, Iowa; Ben (Katie) Lacey of Seattle, Washington; Jennifer (Nathaniel) Feddes of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jill Lacey of Iowa City, Iowa and fianc , Shane Furgason; Alex (Laura) Crippin of Northwood, Iowa; Nick Crippin of Des Moines, Iowa; great grandchildren: David, Abby, and Claire Davis; Isaiah, Elliott, and Judah Larsen; Eva, Vivian, and Daphne Lacey; Jonathan Feddes; brother, Bob (Helen) Daley of Palatine, Illinois; sisters: Mary Jane Thompson of Omaha, Nebraska; Geraldine DeVries of Minneapolis, Minnesota; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Dorothy Daley, Bueal Hedstrom, Evangeline and Bill Webster, Maydelle Oslund, Evelyn and Jim Moller; extended family and friends. Shirley was preceded in death by her

parents, Robert and Hulda Daley; brother, John Daley; great granddaughter, Piper Schrodt; sister-in-law, DeLoris Hedstrom; and brothers-in-law: Vern Hinders, Garland Thompson, Harvey DeVries, Harvey Oslund, Burdette Hedstrom.