

Obituary

Louelma B. Ferguson

Louelma B. Ferguson, 84, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Woodlands, part of the Methwick Community after a long illness. Services: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Teahen Funeral Home by Pastor Jim Langley. Burial: Cedar Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Teahen Funeral Home and Tuesday after 9:00 a.m.

Lou is survived by three daughters; Linda Ferguson of Cedar Rapids; Beth (Ed) Cassidy of Carlisle; and Gail (Rod) Thomas of Cedar Rapids; four grandchildren, Robert (Nicole) Cassidy, Christine Cassidy, Karen Huebbe and Sam Thomas; two great-grandchildren, Anthony Thomas and Claire Cassidy; sister Ardis Noeller of Palm Desert, Calif.; brothers Dwayne (Geri) of Dorchester, Neb., Virgil (Bonnie) of Friend, Neb., and Jim (Marion) Nelsen of Texas; brother in law R.D. Flannigan of Tremont, Ill.; and numerous in laws and nieces and nephews.

Her parents, husband Earl (2007), brother, Melvin Nelsen, brother-in-law Lloyd Noeller, and sister Fern Flannigan precede Lou in death.

Louelma Bernice Nelsen Ferguson was born March 18, 1923, in rural Friend, Neb., the daughter of Riis Lawson and Meta Anna Christina Hansen Nelsen. After high school she and her sister Fern joined their sister Ardis in California to work in the factories during the war. In 1946 she returned to Nebraska where she met Earl Robert Ferguson at a dance. They were married on July 20, 1946. Together they went to Wyoming where Earl worked on the railroad. They lived in several different places in Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska as they raised three daughters, Linda, Beth, and Gail. In the sixties the family moved to New Jersey where Earl studied to become a Presbyterian minister. They then moved to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania where they served in two churches, Douglass Presbyterian Church and 2nd Welsh Presbyterian Church. In 1979 they accepted a church in Miles, Iowa. During the time they were in Miles, Lou was the city clerk. In 1988 they retired to Cedar Rapids where all three of their daughters and four grandchildren lived. They enjoyed their retirement with their dog Boo and their gardens.

Lou was an avid writer, loved gardening, enjoyed a good joke, and never met a leftover she didn't love. She was a devoted wife and mother and will be missed.

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