

Obituary

Marlea M. Spreeman

Marlea May Spreeman, of Friend, was born April 26, 1930, on a farm northwest of Friend, Nebraska to Francis and Esther (Zieman) Sims and went to her heavenly home Monday, April 7, 2008, at BryanLGH East Medical Center in Lincoln at the age of 77 years, 11 months, and 12 days. As a young girl, Marlea attended Friend Public School and graduated with the Class of 1947. She furthered her education by attending Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, receiving a teaching certificate. On August 3, 1952 she was united in marriage to LeRoy Spreeman at the Friend United Methodist Church and they were blessed with a son, Robert, and daughter, Marianne.

Marlea taught school for several years in Norfolk and Pierce. After she was married, she and LeRoy lived briefly in Norfolk before moving to the family farm northwest of Friend where she was a busy mother, homemaker and helper to LeRoy on the farm. Marlea continued to teach in Friend and the surrounding towns for a time. She later continued her teaching career as a substitute for many years. Marlea was a loving mother and wife and enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter. She enjoyed bowling, playing bridge, and was an avid spectator of all sports. In her spare time she especially enjoyed playing bingo. On their annual trips to California, Marlea had the pleasure of visiting relatives, friends and site seeing. In the mid-1970's, they moved into Friend. Most recently they moved to The Legacy in Lincoln in 2007.

Marlea was a life-long member of the Friend United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women's group, Merry Mrs. Club and PEO Chapter DQ Sisterhood. She also served as President of the Friend School Board and was able to have the opportunity to present her own daughter with her high school diploma at the commencement.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy of 55 years, Lincoln; a daughter, Marianne Spreeman and a granddaughter, Sydney Spreeman, both of Lincoln, a brother-in-law, Larry Spreeman and sister-in-law, Lillian Spreeman, both of Lincoln and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Esther Sims, a son, Robert and a half-brother, Donald.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2008, at the Friend United Methodist Church with Rev. Paixao Baptista officiating. Interment will be in the Andrew Cemetery, Friend.

Visitation is 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Thursday, at Lauber-Moore Funeral, Friend and one hour before services at the church, Friday. Pallbearers are Bob Milton, Don Svehla, Max Kellogg, Don Spreeman, Sid Fix, Brad Barrows, Keith Clouse and Floyd Johansen. Shirley Milton accompanied Randy Kaliff, who sang, "How Great Thou Art" and "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet". "A Mother's Love" was played as a CD Selection.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Friend United Methodist Church, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance or American Kidney Foundation. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend.

Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermoore.com.