



Blanche Cantrell

March 20, 1919 - May 6, 2017

Blanche LaRue Cantrell, 98, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away May 6, 2017 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born March 20, 1919 near Lake Wapello in Davis County, Iowa to Eli Jr. and Ara Ann Bridgeman Smith. She met Walter Max Cantrell while he was working at the C.C. Camp at Lake Wapello and the couple married on July 10, 1937 in Ottumwa, Iowa. Walter passed away on December 21, 1989.

Blanche was an excellent cook and always made sure that guests would never leave the house hungry. She enjoyed gardening, spending time with her family, and listening to Elvis Presley. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

She is survived by eight children, Kenneth (Barbara) Cantrell of Drakesville, Iowa, Beverly (Russell) Forsythe, Paul Dean (Connie) Cantrell both of Bloomfield, Donald (Merry) Cantrell of Illinois City, Illinois, Lonnie (Renee) Cantrell of Oelwein, Iowa, Phillip (Donna) Cantrell of Fruitland, Iowa, Bonnie (Fred) Pittman of Newton, Iowa, Rollie (Nancy) Cantrell of Marion, Iowa; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a niece, Freda Huff.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter-in-law, Shari Forsythe; two brothers, Alva Smith, infant Rosco Smith; and five sisters,

Ruth Doll, Elsie Coop, Ora Smith, Beulah Smith, and infant Virgie Smith.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Russell Harris officiating. Burial will be at the Taylor Cemetery in Appanoose County, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. A memorial has been established to the Taylor Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Taylor Cemetery

Appanoose County, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
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(641) 664-3421
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Funeral Services

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Cantrell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Blanche Cantrell.*



May 10, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Jeff DeLaurentis and Tessie Bilbrey purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Blanche Cantrell.*



Jeff DeLaurentis and Tessie Bilbrey - May 10, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Blanche Cantrell.*



May 09, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Blanche Cantrell.*



May 09, 2017 at 12:07 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mom-- keep your chin up Renee and Lonnie. Macy & Don*

Macy & Don - May 08, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ *Lonnie, sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Sounds like she was a strong woman with many good values which she passed on to others. Prayers are with you and Renee.*
Jim and Alice Stanek

Alice Stanek - May 08, 2017 at 07:34 PM