



## Hilda Houk

June 8, 1920 - September 23, 2019

Hilda Elaine Houk, 99, of Floris, Iowa passed away on September 23, 2019 at her home. She was born June 8, 1920 in Davis County, Iowa to Herman Everett and Edith Lillian White Spurgeon. Hilda was part of the first set of triplets to be born in Davis County.

In September 1940, Hilda married Max Trenton Dickson. Hilda and Max had a daughter, Judy. Max was killed in France during WWII. She later married Ernest William Houk and the couple had five children. Hilda spent most of her adult life taking care of her children and home. When the children became older, she worked in mental health facilities including the Galesburg State Research Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois and St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa.

Hilda's hobbies included working with plastic canvas, embroidering, doing word search puzzles, and watching game shows. She was also a green thumb and loved growing plants and flowers.

She is survived by six children, Judy Benge, Martha (Larry) Hem, Barbara (Duane) Helmick, Betty (Robert) Selser, Bill Houk, Marcella (Ted) Shaner; 16 grandchildren; 29 (with two on the way) great-grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harold Spurgeon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ralph Spurgeon; and

three sisters, Helen, Larue, and Marie.

Graveside services with burial of the cremated remains will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Floris Cemetery. A dinner will follow the service at the Floris Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Good Samaritan Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Floris Cemetery

Floris, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hilda Houk*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I just saw it in the Ottumwa Evening Post. I don't have anyway to get ahold of your family. It is sad that Uncle Harold is only one left. Don't know if you know that he is in The Good Samaritan Home now. Again my condolences to you all. I will be in Texas visiting my brother Steve when you have your gathering. I want you to know that so you don't think I don't care. You all take care.*

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**Deb Spurgeon** - October 14, 2019 at 02:38 AM