



Lydia Jean Payne

April 23, 1933 - April 22, 2014

Lydia Jean Payne, 80, of Pulaski, Iowa died April 22, 2014 at Good Samaritan Society in Keosauqua, Iowa. She was born April 23, 1933 in Kossuth County, Iowa to Nathan Alfred and Esther Ruth Kropf Banwart. She married Donald William Payne October 3, 1954 in West Bend, Iowa. He preceded her in death April 27, 2013. Lydia Jean worked with her husband on the farm and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Pulaski Mennonite Church, taught Sunday School, and was active in the Mary Martha Circle for many years. She was also active in the Tri-R neighborhood Club, Cowbelle Association, Red Hat Ladies and was a 4-H leader. She enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader. Lydia Jean was very active in SOOP, spending 17 winters in Tucson, Arizona volunteering in the elementary school system, working in soup kitchens, and gleaning in the orchards.

She is survived by her two daughters, Debra (Roger) Knapp of Bloomfield, Iowa, Donnita Payne Hostetler of West Des Moines, Iowa; son, Daniel (Crystal) Payne of Pulaski, Iowa; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Floyd Banwart; two sisters, Lucille (Dwayne) Schmidt, Joyce Banwart; brother, Joel (Sonia) Banwart; two brothers-in-law, Peter Weber, Kenny Schmidgall; and sister-in-law, Lois Banwart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Dwayne David Payne; son-in-law, Marvin Hostetler; brother, Glenn Banwart; and five sisters, Florence Banwart, Gladys Koehl, Doris Banwart, Mary Jo Schmidgall, Mabel Weber; sister-in-law, Clara Banwart; and brother-in-law, Ernest Koehl.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Pulaski Mennonite Church in Pulaski, Iowa with Pastor Darrell Zook officiating. Burial will be at the Pulaski Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. A memorial has been established to the Pulaski Mennonite Church Building Fund.

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