

Fern L. McKusker, 86

Fern L. McKusker, age 86, of Marengo, died peacefully on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, at First United Methodist Church, Marengo, with the Rev. Jim Davis and the Rev. Katie Dawson officiating. Burial was in the Marengo Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established.

Fern is survived by her husband, Carroll, "Buck," of almost 63 years; five children, Joann Cuppy (Gayle) of Kalona, James McKusker (Donna) of Burlington, Wis., Julia Phillips (Dave) of Marengo, Jeffrey McKusker (Lori) of Mead, Colo., and Jerome "Jerry" McKusker of Marengo; 14 grandchildren, Stephen (Jan), Brian (Jen) and Heather Cuppy, Kevin, Karen, Krystal and Kyle

McKusker, Stacy (Mike) Pfister, Cari (Stoney) Kriegel, Valerie and Gabrielle Phillips, Jacob and Karly McKusker, and Jennifer McKusker; and nine great-grandchildren, Rebecca, Jacob and Benjamin Cuppy, Hailey and Kaitlyn Rohm, Dakota Cuppy, and Hannah, Cole and Rhet Pfister. She is also survived by a brother, Russell Tuttle (Mary) of Malcom; two sisters, Edna Marie Shepherd of Williamsburg and Delores Schmidt of Deep River; and several nieces and nephews.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Howard, Earl, Richard, and Bernard Jr.; and a sister, Vera Tuttle.

Fern Lucille Tuttle was born June 28, 1923, in Victor, the daughter of Bernard and Edna Mae Hiner Tuttle. She graduated from Victor High School in 1942, and went to work as a telephone operator for the Victor Phone Company. Fern married Carroll M. McKusker on Feb. 10, 1947, in Lancaster, Mo. She left the phone company and focused her energy on becoming an excellent homemaker. Fern was a member of the Koszta Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She also was a member of the Marengo and Ladora American Legion Auxiliaries, and the Iowa River Good Sams Club. Fern enjoyed teaching her grandchildren how to quilt, play card games and sports, especially basketball and softball. Fern was a state champion horse shoe pitcher. In later years, she enjoyed bowling and talking with her many friends and family members on the phone.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.



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