Emma Sanders, 86

Emma Sanders, 86, of Iowa City and formerly of rural Deep River, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at the Oaknoll Retirement Residence in Iowa City of Alzheimer's. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with Pastor George Salhove officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held in the Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The Oaknoll Foundation, 1 Oaknoll Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52246.

Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefaluneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Marie Prothero Sanders was born on April 26, 1924, to George Edward and Sigma Isaacson Prothero near Albia. She graduated from Barnes City High School in 1942. Emma married Edward E. Sanders in Lancaster, Mo., on Dec. 17, 1942. They lived on a farm near Barnes City most of their married life. She was a member of the Barnes City United Methodist Church and was very active in the Sunday School and Bible School programs. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Emma enjoyed gardening, doll making, sewing and painting.

Emma is survived by her daughters and families: Mary Ann Snyder of Iowa City, Linda (Gail) Dieleman of Plymouth, Minn., and Nancy (Bruce) Dieleman of West Des Moines. There are four grandchildren, Stephen Snyder of Iowa City, Bryan (Karen) Dieleman of Maple Grove, Minn., William Dieleman of Minneapolis, Minn., and Leticia Jason Montegra of Atlanta, Ga. In addition there are six great-grandchildren, Austin and Edward of Iowa City, Kian, Brendan and Raelyn of Maple Grove, Minn., and Grant of Atlanta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Edward, Leo and Norman; and two sisters, Lillian Brown and Darlene (infant); her husband, Edward, on August 4, 1997; and a son-in-law, George D. Snyder.