

## Shirley M. Howk, 75

Shirley M. Howk, 75, of Le Mars died suddenly on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Floyd Valley Hospital in Le Mars.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at Cornerstone World Outreach in Sioux City, with Pastor Larry Gordon officiating. Additional services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the Reece Funeral Home at Ottumwa, with interment in the Schaul Cemetery. Visitations at Reece Funeral Home will be from noon until service time. Arrangements are with the Carlsen Funeral Home in Le Mars. Expression of sympathy can be extended to the family through [www.carlsen-funeralhome.com](http://www.carlsen-funeralhome.com).

Shirley M. Haines was born March 16, 1933, in Montezuma, to Theodore and Iva (Carter) Haines. Shirley graduated from Montezuma High School. She worked for several years for Northwestern Bell in Oskaloosa. Shirley was united in marriage to Max E. Howk on Aug. 18, 1960, at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. Max and Shirley lived in Ottumwa for many years. Max passed away in 1994. Shirley moved to Le Mars in 2002, to be closer to her son, Micheal. For the last 18 months, Shirley lived at Park Place Estates in Le Mars.

Shirley loved to give of her time and talents. She had volunteered as a reading helper with children at Wildwood Elementary School in Ottumwa, and later at Franklin Elementary in Le Mars. Recently, she had been honored as a 1,000 hour volunteer with the Floyd Valley Hospital Auxiliary in Le Mars. She also enjoyed volunteering at local nursing homes reading the Bible to residents.

Shirley was an accomplished knitter and embroiderer and also enjoyed cooking and singing. She was very meticulous and detail-oriented in everything she did.

Her faith was very important to her, she loved the Lord. She enjoyed attending services at Cornerstone World Outreach.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Micheal and Linda Hutton of Le Mars; four grandchildren, Carlson Neff of Pleasant Hill, Corey Werner and his wife, Tracy, of Harrisburg, S.D., Jason Werner and his wife, Jennifer, of Lorain, Ohio, and Alexander Keeagan of the Quad Cities area; a brother, Clyde and Joan Haines of Homosassa, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Jolene Jones of Grinnell, and Vesta Howk of Ottumwa; cousins, Bill and Joan Jory of Rockford, Ill., and Irvin and Katinka Haines of Pisquah Forest, N.C.; niece, Maretta Jones Grattan of Grinnell and other cousins, nieces and nephews; and the staff and residents of Park Place Estates.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Iva (Carter) Haines; husband Max in 1994; a grandson, Cason Hutton; a brother, Chei Jones; a sister, Alma Sweger; and nephew, Wayne Jones.

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