

IRENE B. BRUNS

Irene Bruns, 76 of What Cheer, died Friday, July, 25, 2014. Funeral services were held privately. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in her name to What Cheer Fire & Rescue. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Irene B. Bruns was born January 3, 1938, in Owen, Wisc., the daughter of Forrest and Cora Beaver Blaylock. She attended What Cheer High School and was united in marriage to Robert Tremmel on January 8, 1954, in Oskaloosa. Irene later married Malcom Bruns on September 5, 1982, in Sigourney. She worked several years at Amana Refrigeration until her health forced her to retire in 1975. After the death of Cloyd Strobel, Malcom and Irene continued production of "Sure Catch" catfish bait until Malcom passed away in 2009. Irene enjoyed fishing, needle point, reading and her rose garden. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Malcom Bruns; an infant daughter, Coral Rose Tremmel; an infant son, Ricky Dean Tremmel; a sister, Ilene Bell; and two brothers, Donald Blaylock and James Blaylock.

Irene leaves behind two sons, Mark (Debbie) Tremmel of What Cheer and Mickey (Tamara) Tremmel of Washington; five step-children, Donna Decker of Sigourney, John W. Bruns of Sigourney, Kay Sanchez of Denver, Colo., Keith Bruns of Harper and Dave Bruns of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Jackie (Dee) Blaylock of Cresco; two sisters, Florence Buckler of Louisville, Ky., and Joyce (Don) Gray of South Jordan, Utah; and a sister-in-law Martha Blaylock of Eddyville, Ky.; five grandchildren: Stephanie Tremmel of Rose Hill, David Tremmel of What Cheer, Greg (Gwynna) Tremmel of Rose Hill, Shasta Tremmel and Crystal Tremmel both of Washington. Irene was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren.

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