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Glennava Peebler 11-10-2014

Glennava Maude Vest was born on March 29, 1929, in the family farm house south of Lockridge, Iowa. Her father was Jay D. Vest and her mother was Pearlle Mae McKim. Glennava's earliest memories of her childhood were attending a circus in Burlington, Iowa (age 3) and getting lost in Rome, Iowa, where her father taught school in 1931. Glennava attended Round Prairie #1 Country Grade School near Vega, Iowa, and graduated from Lockridge High School in Lockridge, Iowa, in 1948. She attended Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, for 2 years. After moving to Pella she attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she received a degree in Elementary Education in 1968. She later worked on her Master's Degree at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.



Glennava met Robert Lee Peebler through a girl he went to school with. Shortly after meeting, she & Bob started dating. Favorite dates were roller skating on Saturday nights & dancing. Bob proposed to Glennava in December of 1947. They were united in marriage on August 21, 1948, at Round Prairie Baptist Church outside of Salem, Iowa. Their marriage of 66 years was built on a deep love and respect for each other. On June 16, 1955, their daughter Mary Kathleen was born and on July 11, 1958, their son, James Robert was born. Glennava and Bob moved to Pella, Iowa, in 1965 where she began teaching at Lincoln elementary school. A few years later Glennava transferred to Webster elementary school, where she taught fourth grade until retiring. She taught school for 38+ years.

Glennava was baptized and made profession of faith at the Round Prairie Baptist Church, outside of Salem, Iowa. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Pella, Iowa, since 1965. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years and served on many church committees. She was also a faithful member of the American Baptist Women's organization, was a longtime member of the Women's American Legion Auxiliary, and was a member of both the National Education Association and Iowa State Education Association.

Glennava's favorite pastime was spending time with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed Tuesday mornings with her special coffee club friends of 14+ years. Before health prohibited them, Glennava and Bob looked forward to going to Texas during the winters spending time with their friends, a very special couple from church. Glennava had many, many dear friends she loved spending time with. She always looked forward to Thanksgivings in Arizona with all of Jim's family, coming home for Christmas and returning again to Arizona in March for a month. Glennava remained a very active person despite her physical limitations along with the support of her faithful husband, Bob.

In May, 2014, she became a resident at Jefferson Place in Pella where she passed away on Monday, October 27, 2014, at the age of 85 years. Those who will cherish her memory are her husband, Bob Peebler; their two children and their spouses, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren:

- Kathy and Steve Menninga of Grinnell, Iowa
- Shane and Mary Menninga
- Cole Menninga, Ella Menninga
- David and Deven Menninga
- Jackson Horras, Brycen Horras
- Danilo and Stephanie Juvane
- Marcella Juvane
- Jim and Susan (Hill) Peebler of Phoenix, Arizona
- Bob and Ashley Peebler
- Evie Peebler, Luke Peebler, William Peebler
- Michelle and Mike Hains
- Cora Hains, Tess Hains

Glennava leaves her brother, Jay Vest, and his wife, Loa, of Keokuk, Iowa, and her sister, Joan and husband, Spin Nelson, of Denver, Colorado. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay D. and Pearlle Vest and her parents-in-law, Fred and Nelle (Hale) Peebler. Glennava enjoyed sewing, traveling, and playing her piano and organ. She was a beautiful person, inside and out, and will be remembered as a devoted, loving, caring, gentle wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was devoted to her family and had a deep faith and love for the church.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Pella. Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.