LOIS IOLA EVANS

Lois L. Evans, 97 of Deep River, passed away Sunday evening, September 21, 2014 at Brooklyn Community Estates. A memorial to celebrate her life is tentative with interment at Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department, Montezuma Fire Department or Hospice Compassus of Cedar Rapids.

Lois Iola Evans, the daughter of Ronald and Amy (Gillaspie) Carver, was born November 30, 1916 at home in Coal Creek, joining her brother Lovell Wayne, who was born when the family lived in Barnes City. The family moved to Oklahoma, where Ronald and Amy attended Carver Chiropractic College and later returned to the Barnes City, Montezuma and Deep River area, where their mother was involved in practical nursing, housework and farming. Lois attended and graduated from Deep River High School in 1935 where she played basketball. In a romp over Hartwick, she scored 26 points. She met Robert O. Evans of Deep River and were married at the Methodist Church Parsonage, Oskaloosa in 1936. From this union, two sons were born, Gary Lee and Edward Eugene. Lois held several positions to support her two sons, working for Roses' Cash and Carry, Amana Refrigeration and 15 years as cook at Deep River School hot lunch program, working with several local ladies that were long-time friends. She frequently remarked that the kids coming through the line made her day. After retiring from the school, she took care of her mother Amy until her passing in 1989. Lois loved to garden, raise flowers, fish and hunt with her cousin, Cecil, and uncle, Charlie, which led to some great adventures and stories. She was able to travel and attended several elk hunting camps with her sons and their sons in the mountains of Wyoming. In earlier years, Lois attended the Deep River Methodist Church. Mom also loved to read a good mystery and could always be contacted late at night as she was up reading past midnight. Additionally she was considered a bit of a local history repository.

Her memory will be cherished by her son Edward, wife Anne, grand-son Justin and his wife Amanda, granddaughter Sarah of Villa Park, Ill.; daughter-in-law Nancy, grand-son Terry, great-granddaughter Lisa, her family, great-granddaughter Amy, her family, grandson Kelly his wife Cindy, great-granddaughter Jessica, her family and great-granddaughter Randi Rae all of Cheyenne, Wyo.; granddaughter Kristy (Mike Lazano) and two great-grandsons Josh and Greg of Lafayette, Colo.; half-brother John Carver, his family of Edmonson, Okla.; many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends too numerous to list but they were all special to her and they knew who they are as they have stayed in touch over the years. Whenever anyone left after visiting Mom always said; "take your time going but hurry back."

Lois was preceded in death by her mother Amy, ex-husband Robert, brother Lovell, sister-in-law Helen, grandson Ronald, son Gary L., two grandchildren Brent E. and Katie A. Evans.

While preparing this list I thought of a conversation Mom and I had just several days before her passing as we spoke of those previously listed, she said; "just about all of my old friends have gone." God bless everyone.