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Meda was born December 18, 1925, in Toledo, Iowa, the daughter of Alpha and Elva Long Mohler. She was raised in Toledo and was a 1944 graduate of Toledo High School. She attended Iowa Teacher’s College in Cedar Falls where she received her teaching certificate. After college, she taught for a few years in the Gilman and West Branch school districts.

On February 4, 1949, she was united in marriage with Dwight L. Carey, in Toledo. The couple made their home in Gilman prior to moving to Grinnell in 1950. Meda kept busy raising her family and helping her husband part-time running his service station. Later, she was employed at the Brenton Bank and Grinnell Office Supply. In 1966, she and Dwight moved to Lake Ponderosa and she remained there for nearly 30 years after Dwight’s death in 1997, returning to Grinnell in 2003.

Meda held a deep affection and love for her family and was always proud of them. Her strong work ethic - wanting to do the right thing the right way - defined her. She was a happy gardener, an avid reader, and enjoyed playing and watching golf. She loved their life on the lake. While traveling, she enjoyed planning and mapping trips for best route, preferring to be in the driver’s seat.

Survivors include her children, Jeff (Marcia Marlow) Carey of San Diego, Deborah (Sherritt Yehl) Carey of Sugar Land, Texas, Candace (Mark) Savage of San Ramon, California, Sarah (Michael Shragal) Carey of Danville, California and Matthew (Marlene) Carey of Detroit and eight grandchildren, Rachel and Gretchen Yehl, Jon and Julian Savage, Grace and Ben Shragal and James and Lauren Carey. Meda was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight, and by children Johnny, J.D., and Rebecca, as well as by her two brothers, William and John Mohler and three sisters, Margaret Fabricius, Clara Belle Bole and Marian Welle.

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