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Mildred Edith White

(May 16, 1923 - Feb. 11, 2016)

Mildred White, 92 died Thursday, Feb. 11 at her home in What Cheer. Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the What Cheer United Methodist Church with visitation held prior. As was Millie's wishes, her remains will be cremated and inurned at the White Oak Cemetery near Thornburg. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the What Cheer United Methodist Youth Group. Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com.

Mildred Edith White was born in What Cheer on May 16, 1923 the daughter of Earl and Oka Bell Beasley. She was a 1941 graduate of the What Cheer High School. After receiving her teaching certificate, Millie rode her horse each day to a country school near What Cheer where she taught for several years.

On Oct. 21, 1944 she was united in marriage to John White at the Presbyterian Church in Sigourney. Together the couple farmed several acres, owned an antique store and Millie worked for twenty years at Amana Refrigeration. John and Millie had no children of their own so that made Millie the favorite Aunt of many nieces

and nephews. Occasionally an adult might get the impression she was a "grouchy old lady," but through the eyes of a child, Millie was seen as a gracious and kind person. Nieces, nephews, and the children in her church will remember the many gifts that came from that "grouchy old lady" on every holiday, birthday, baptisms and graduations. Throughout her life she took pride in her appearance and worked hard for everything she earned. Millie loved to shop for costume jewelry, cheering for the Cardinals and the loyalty of her dog, Carrie. She was a member of the What Cheer United Methodist Church where she served on the Ministry & Missions Committee, United Methodist Women, and the Administrative Counsel.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John White; six brothers: Jim, Earl, Harold, Merle, Russell and Paul Beasley; and four sisters: Irene McKay, Olive McDermott, Maxine Decker and Betty Rodesovich.

She is survived by eleven nieces: Karen (Jack) Pulford of Chandler, Ariz., Charlotte Merman of Chandler, Ariz., Betty (John) Schlomer of Anchorage, AK, Tane (Wesley) Temple of Quincy, Ill., Sherri Hamilton of East Moline, Ill., Pam (Mike) Brown of Andalusia, Ill., Donna Roman of Chicago, Ill. and Judy (Mark) Pattison of Rock Island, Ill., Cheryl (Gordon) Childs of Omaha, Neb., Jackie McDermott of Belle Plaine, Ann (John) Heisdorffer of Walford,; eight nephews: Russell (Katy) Beasley of Eddyville, Delmer (Rachel) McKay of Burlington, Pat (Flo) White of What Cheer, Mike (Rita) White of What Cheer, Monte McDermott of Chandler, Ariz., Earl Beasley III of Rock Island, Ill., and Lee (Janet) McKay of Summerville, Fla., Ed White of Prairie Du Chien, Wis. Millie also leaves behind many great and great-great nieces and nephews.