

Jane Groves

May 25, 1926 - October 28, 2020

Nina Groves, 94 of rural New Sharon passed away, October 28, at Oskaloosa Care Center.

Graveside services were November 2, at Union Mills Cemetery, Union Mills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stephens Animal Shelter in Oskaloosa. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Nina Jane (Cox) Groves was born at home in Poweshiek County to Harvey and Elsie (Steele) Cox on May 25, 1926. Following graduation from Montezuma High School, she held a secretarial position for William Bonhan in Montezuma and later Maytag in Newton.

Through a mutual friend, she met Herbert Groves, the love of her life. They were married on June 3, 1946, at the Christian Church in Oskaloosa. To this union one daughter was born, Marsha Ann on October 6, 1952.

They enjoyed fishing on the North Skunk River where Nina was VERY protective of her "feeshing" holes! Woe be to anyone who encroached on those! She and Herbert took many numerous fall fishing trips to Canada and Minnesota with their neighbors. She enjoyed her neighborhood monthly club meetings and she and Herbert's morning card games and coffee time with their neighbors.

After retirement in the late 1980's, you would find Herbert and Nina taking their daily pickup drives around the neighborhood to check on the crops and observe the farmers during the planting and harvest season, or make trips to the New Sharon Dairy Crème to get Nina an ice cream cone. Nina was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and the progression of the disease necessitated she become a resident at the Oskaloosa Care Center for two and a half years, then recently tested positive for Covid.

Nina is survived by her beloved family, daughter Marsha (Allen) Haworth; her grandchildren, Troy (Deidra) Haworth of Snohomish, WA, Adam (JoAnn) Haworth of Louisville, NE and Lara (Chris) Widdig of Cambridge, NY; along with her eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Herbert; her father and mother-in-law, W.T. and Effie Groves, sister and brother-in-law, Lucille and Harry Ketels; two nephews, Greg Springer and Norman Ketels; a niece, Janice Ketels; sister-in-law, Wilma (George) Springer, and four step sisters.

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