

Mildred E. (Peterson) Sprouse, 91



Mildred E. Sprouse, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at the Mahaska County Hospital, Oskaloosa.

Her funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 16, at Watts Funeral

Home, Montezuma, with Dyle Peterson, Mildred's nephew, officiating. Burial followed in the Viola Cemetery, Viola, Ill.

Mildred E. Sprouse, the daughter of John Hicks and Emma Jane McCoy was born Sept. 15, 1915, at Montezuma. As a high school student during the depression, Mildred went to Aledo, Ill. to live with her aunt and uncle, Rachel and Horace Farwell. She was an honor student, graduating from Aledo High School.

On Feb. 11, 1940, Mildred was united in marriage with Herbert Frank Peterson at the Methodist parsonage, Montezuma. Together they made their home in rural Aledo and Joy, Ill. Mildred was devoted to her family. She was a past member of various organizations in Illinois including the Farm Bureau and Jolly Neighbor Club. Following Herbert's death, she returned to Montezuma. She married Alfred Sprouse at Colfax. They later divorced. Mildred attended the Open Bible

Church in Oskaloosa. Mildred loved her family. She enjoyed gardening, old country and gospel music and reading.

Those left to honor Mildred's memory include her son, Jon (Lindy) Peterson of Montezuma; her daughters, Janiece "Jan" Peterson Speckhart Nelson (Allen) Feehan of Green City, Mo., formerly of Mercer County, Ill. and Oquawka, Ill. and JoAnne Peterson Day of Oskaloosa; her grandchildren, James Allen Day, Teresa J. Day, Amy Dawn Peterson Hicks, Michael John Peterson; her great-grandchildren, Dawson Davis, Hunter Davis, Jaylin James Day, many nieces and nephews including Jim (Meryll) Hicks and Jerry (Dottie) Hicks, Carol (Kenny) Maschmann, Kim Hicks, Mary Ann McCain, Paula Stewart, Wayne, Lyle, Bob and Daryl Peterson, Ruth Ann Dabrowski, Carol Jean Coulter, Dorothy Peterson Roseboom, Chuck, Ronnie, Keith and Larry Olomon, Lila Frank and Carol Jean Coulter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert F. Peterson on March 9, 1967; her brother, Mitchell John Hicks; her sister, Veda Hicks McCain; her son-in-law, James Day, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be designated in Mildred's name and left at Watts Funeral Home.

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