Virginia P. Swartzendruber, 85


A Celebration of Life service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31 at Peterseim Funeral Home, Kalona. Pastor Lynn Patrick officiated. Burial will be at a later date in Sharon Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasantview Home and Kalona First Responders.

Virginia was born on May 15, 1921 to Curtis A. and Blanche (Banks) Snyder in Washington. She graduated from Washington High School.

She was married to Gail L. Swartzendruber on June 12, 1941 in Kahoka, Mo. She was a homemaker and was involved with Kalona United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge, and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving her are her seven children and their spouses: Linda and Roman Miller of Guernsey, Sue and Paul Ross of Casa Grande, Ariz., Randy and Joyce Swartzendruber of Kalona, Bill and Salinda Swartzendruber of Bellevue, Neb., David and Deb Swartzendruber of Kalona, Patty Swartzendruber of Iowa City, and Kevin and Carol Swartzendruber of Kalona; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Melvin (Pat) Snyder of Centerville, Ohio and Dick (Sandy) Snyder of Ainsworth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gail Swartzendruber; two sisters, Wilma Thompson and Lola Hammer.