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Loanna Bloethe, 86

Loanna Bloethe was born Dec. 11, 1922, in her parents' farmhouse in rural Perry, the daughter of John and Anna (Appenzeller) Schnoor. She grew up on the farm during the Great Depression, learning the joys of work and self-sufficiency at an early age. Following graduation from Perry High School in 1939, Loanna attended the University of Iowa, majoring in food science and clothing, and graduated in 1944. Upon earning her degree, she taught school for two years in Correctionville, and then worked as a dietician for United Airlines.



In August of 1946, her brother, Carl, brought home a law school classmate, Orville, to attend the State Fair. It was then, in the kitchen of her parents' farmhouse, that Loanna first saw the love of her life. They corresponded faithfully, visited six times over the winter, and were married on their seventh date, April 4, 1947. Following Orville's graduation from law school, the couple moved to Victor where Loanna resumed her teaching career at the Victor High School before starting a family.

Loanna loved to dance and there was no finer way for her to spend an evening. She also treasured creating art, with oil paintings and ceramics being her favorite mediums. Traveling with her family, and gardening, were other passions of Loanna's. She was a member of the Immanuel Church, and later, the Victor Methodist Church. Other memberships include a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, a Star Twirler square dancer, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. However, the focus of Loanna's life was unwaveringly her husband and family, to whom she was devoted. Theirs truly was a marriage made in heaven and cherished on earth.

Her family includes her husband of nearly 62 years, Orville W. Bloethe; and her brother, Carl Schnoor. She has two sons, Craig and Chris Bloethe; and two daughters and their husbands, Tamia and Dennis O'Rourke, and Cheryl and Douglas Linder. Loanna also has seven grandchildren, Jamie O'Rourke, Kelly Grabendike, Darcy Huismann, Codie Bloethe, Chase Bloethe, Ann Linder, and Kari Linder.

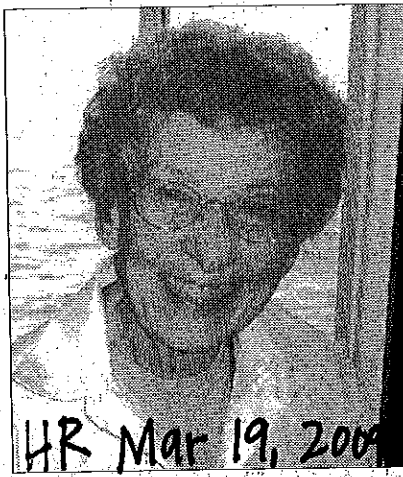
She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Marie Crews.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Shantel Lindsey, Doug Powell, and the myriad of other caregivers from Iowa City Hospice who have brought Loanna so much comfort and loving care.

The family requests no flowers but instead suggests donations to either "Loanna's Community Garden Fund" which will be used to provide landscaping and flowers in the Victor Community Park or the HLV Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.smithfh.com.

The family invites the community to join them at both a visitation and funeral services. Visitation will be held at the Victor United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 22, from 2-4 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the HLV School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow at the American Legion Hall.

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Loanna Bloethe, 86, of Victor died Saturday, March 14, 2009, at her home.

A visitation will be held Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Victor United Methodist Church. A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at H.L.V. School Gymnasium in Victor with luncheon to follow at the American Legion Hall. Memorials may be made either to "Loanna's Community Garden Fund" to provide landscaping for Victor Community Park or to the HIV Scholarship Fund. On-line condolences may be left for her family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born Dec. 11, 1922, in rural Perry, the daughter of John and Anna Spenzeller Schnoor. She grew up on the family farm during depression years. She graduated from Perry High School in 1939, after which she attended the University of Iowa, majoring in food science and clothing, and graduating in 1944. She taught school for two years at Correctionville, after which she worked as a dietitian for United Airlines. She was united in marriage with Orville Bloethe on April 4, 1947. Following her husband's graduation from law school, the couple moved to Victor where she resumed her teaching career at Victor High School.

She was a member of Immanuel Church, later a member of the United Methodist Church; a 50-year member of Eastern Star; a Star Twirler square dancer and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her family, traveling, dancing and gardening were her special interests.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 62 years, Orville Bloethe of Victor; two sons, Craig and Chris Boethe; two daughters, Tamia O'Rourke and Cheryl Linder; seven grandchildren, and her brother Carl Schnoor. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marie Crews.