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Eileen Ardis Middlekauf Elliott

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Eileen Ardis Middlekauf Elliott, 81, of Deep River died May 13 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Her funeral was Tuesday, May 16 at United Church in Deep River with Pastor Boyd Sparks officiating.

"Peace In The Valley" and "One Day At a Time" were musical selections sung in duets by Marilyn Warwick and Carol Dale. Ellen Zimmerman was organist.

Casket bearers were Doren Dale, Kenneth Wallace, Kenneth Keller, Joe Keller, Lorraine Baustian and Richard Icenbice.

Flower attendants were Debbie Pope and Helen Burck.

She was buried in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Mrs. Elliott was born Jan. 26, 1919 in Keokuk County and raised by her grandfather, Cloyd A. Middlekauf and her aunt, Lois Middlekauf Steele. She was always grateful for their love and care. She later returned that love and care to her aunt, Lois, who is now a nursing home resident in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Elliott graduated from Deep River High School in 1936. On Oct. 20, 1949, she married Evan Eugene Elliott at the Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. The couple had one daughter, Linda Lois, who was born March 14, 1942.

The Elliots managed Elliott Feed and Produce for many years. Mrs. Elliott managed it alone when her husband served his country in World War II in the South Pacific and Korea.

Mrs. Elliott was very active in her community. She was a long-time member of United Church in Deep River, the 50 Plus Club, the Mayflower and Lafayette Chapter 5, O.E.S. She joined the American Legion Auxiliary in 1946 and was membership chairman for many years.

She was a great promoter of the poppy program and distributed the flowers each year. She also waxed poppies for decoration of graves at the cemetery every Memorial Day.

She was a volunteer at the Iowa City Veterans hospital for many years. She was also dedicated to work with the American Cancer Society, volunteering many hours to assist in education, door-to-door solicitation and promotion.

She was a good neighbor and friend, always there with a pecan pie and an offer to help. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, embroidery and crafts. She made ornaments every Christmas.

She also enjoyed dancing and bowling, camping at the Iowa State Fair, entertaining her three granddaughters and trips to Greenfield and Army reunions. She loved her three great-granddaughters and was looking forward to the arrival of two more great-grandchildren this fall.

Mrs. Elliott was preceded in death by her husband Evan on Feb. 11, 1986; her grandfather, a half-sister, Betty Keller and a special friend, Gerald Baustian.

Survivors are her daughter, Linda and her husband Larry Icenbice of Greenfield; three granddaughters and their husbands, Lori and Jeff Bogart of Kansas City, Mo.; Lisa and Todd Lamb of Wellsburg and Leslie and Bobby Russell of Kansas City, Mo.; three great-grandchildren, Bryce and Lindsey Bogart and Jackson Lamb; other relatives and many friends.

Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.



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