

## Gayle Keese

(Helen M. Keese)

Gayle Keese, 93, of Marshalltown died Thursday, April 18, at Grandview Heights Care Center in Marshalltown.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 20, at First Baptist Church in Marshalltown with the Revs. Conrad Lundberg of First Baptist Church; Ron Bryan of LeGrand Friends Church and Neil Montz of the Laurel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be directed to Iowa River Hospice or First Baptist Church.

The daughter of Oliver and Nellie Crouse Speas, she was born Nov. 26, 1902, in Marshall County where she spent the majority of her life. She was united in marriage with Herman Arthur Keese Dec. 27, 1922, at her parents' farm south of Ferguson. They farmed on the Keese farm for 54 years. In 1976 she moved to Marshalltown and had spent the past three years at the Embers.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, American Baptist Women, the Friendly Fellowship and the Berean Sunday school class. She also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Surviving are two daughters Shirley Settle and Lois Cory, both of Marshalltown; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; two brothers, Vernon Keese, Marshalltown, and Rodney Keese, Mesa, Ariz. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband; one son and three sisters.

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