

Francis LeRoy

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BESSIE MARIE PURVIS

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Bessie Marie Purvis, 87, of Centerville died Saturday, Nov. 22, 1986, at the Ottumwa Regional Hospital, Ottumwa. She was born April 5, 1899 in Appanoose County, the daughter of Eli and Inezza Boyer Hiatt.

On May 23, 1917 she was united in marriage to Francis LeRoy Purvis in Centerville. They farmed there until his death, Oct. 11, 1948, when she moved to Centerville. She was a lifelong resident of Appanoose County and a member of the First United Methodist Church, Centerville.

Surviving are six children: Floyd Purvis of Kellogg, Forrest Purvis of Newton, Francis Purvis of Deep River, Ferrell and Freeman Purvis of Centerville, and Florene Brown of Centerville; one sister, Vera Nalles of Centerville; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild. In addition to her husband she was preceded by her parents, an infant daughter, and two brothers, Archie and Alvia.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church at Centerville with Rev. Don Bardole officiating. Interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Moravia.

Memorials to the First United Methodist Church may be left at the Johnson Lang Funeral Home, Centerville, who had charge of arrangements.