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She was born March 7, 1918, in Grinnell, the daughter of William and Sylva Ava Tish Foster. She was raised on the family farm south of Grinnell, attending Washington #1 and Maple Grove (Grant #8) rural schools before graduating from Grinnell High School in 1936. She assisted her parents with their farm and also worked at Spurgeon’s and at Sander’s Variety Store in downtown Grinnell. She was a receptionist in the office of Dr. S.D. Porter for 9 1/2 years. On Feb. 20, 1955, she was married to George Baustian in First Baptist Church. They farmed in Bear Creek Township near Malcom until 1984 when they moved to Malcom.

She belonged to Beta Sigma Phi, the Malcom Garden Club and the River Road Club. She enjoyed all types of needlework, assisting with farm responsibilities and was known for her bread making.

She is survived by one daughter Denise of Malcom and a nephew Dennis Stowe of Carlisle. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her sister Gladys Stowe.

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Lola belonged to Beta Sigma Phi, the Malcom Garden Club and the River Road Club. She was one who enjoyed all types of needlework and one who never turned down a challenging project. Her penmanship was a talent that she was very proud of. She had a love of music, which served as therapy for her during the last few months. She enjoyed the outdoors, tending to her garden and helping George on the farm. The day-to-day chores of taking care of the livestock and the odds and ends of the farm were her responsibility during the planting and harvesting season. She also enjoyed cooking and canning. Her bread making ability was her trademark. Lola truly loved her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise Baustian, of Malcom; her nephew, Denn Stowe of Carlisle; and her caregivers, who held a special place in her heart and aided her to complete her life at home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, who died July 16, 20K and her sister, Gladys Stowe, who died 2004.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Malcom First Responders, to the First Baptist Church or to the Malcom Cemetery Association.