

**ESTHER HELEN
HARRIMAN**

Esther Helen Harriman, 83, died June 14, at the Great River Medical Center in Burlington. Esther was born on Nov. 6, 1928, to Robert J. McClune and Mary Ellen Dougherty McClune at their country home in Poweshiek County. She married Ernest William Harriman on Aug. 30, 1948. Esther farmed with her husband most of her life and was recognized as an outstanding woman farmer in 1984 by a national magazine. Esther earned a high school diploma in 1991, and then went on to fulfill a life-long dream in graduating from Kirkwood College Nursing program in 1993. She worked 10 years as an L.P.N. and finally director of nursing in area care centers before retiring at the age of 75.

In 2004 Esther moved to Burlington to live with her daughter Linda. Throughout her life, Esther's passion was her family. She actively participated in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great grand children.

She demonstrated strength and commitment in her care of her husband during his lengthy illness, and her diligent care of her mother and father during their nursing home stays. Esther is survived by two daughters: Helen L. (Gene) Oliver of Grinnell, and Linda L. (Randy) Sorden of Burlington; a step-son Bill (Sharon) Harriman of Cedar Rapids; two sisters: Naomi Thompson of Mason City and Dorothy McClune of Brooklyn; and two brothers: Paul McClune of Gibson and Lee McClune of Knoxville. She was blessed with nine grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and eleven great-grand children, two great-great grand daughters and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Earnest Harriman, son Charles E. Harriman, twin granddaughters Tammy and Tina Harriman, parents Robert and Ellen McClune, and sister Bernice McClune.

Private graveside services were June 18, in the North English Cemetery. *Record 6-21-2012*