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Elaine McCulley

Nov. 29, 1921 - Dec. 22, 2020

Elaine McCulley, 99, of Brooklyn, passed away December 22, at Brooklyn Community Estates. Funeral services were held December 28, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home. What Cheer. Burial was in the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. Memorials may be directed in Elaine's name to Essence of Life Hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of What Cheer was in charge of arrangements.

Elaine McCulley was born November 29, 1921 near Deep River, the daughter of Marion and Matilda Churky Furney. She was the youngest of eight children. She attended a country school east of Deep River and finished grade country school at Lincoln Number 6, south of Ladora.

Elaine was united in marriage to Raymond Martin at Lancaster, Mo. on August 8, 1937. To this union two daughters were born, Janice and Connie.

Elaine stayed with her father in Deep River, worked at the Moore's turkey plant and in many homes doing house work until she married Donald "Runt" McCulley on June 27, 1955. They were married at the Methodist Church in Unionville, Mo and became the parents of Glenda. Elaine enjoyed reading her Bible, getting her Tilton Missionary lessons done, reading the What Cheer paper and cutting out quilt blocks.

Elaine and Donald also enjoyed sitting under the shade tree on their farm and watching the traffic go by. Elaine and Donald moved from their farm in 2002 to the Brooklyn Senior Apartments and later to the Brooklyn Community Estates.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents, her daughter, Janice; four sisters and their spouses: Hazel and Ray Moore, Marseilles, IL., Bessie and Harold Langbehn, Green Mountain, IA., Velma and Homer Wilson, Keswick, IA., and Marge and Charles Van Dec, Williamsburg, IA.; three brothers and their spouses: Clarence and Leona Furney, Deep River, IA., Harvey and Minnie Furney, Cedar Rapids, IA., and Leo and Mildred Furney, Keswick, IA. Elaine is survived by two daughters, Connie (Raymond) Thompson of Montezuma and Glenda (Fred) Griffith of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren, Tina Widmer, Sara Alexander, Tami Foubert, Rodney Morse, Jake Thompson, Crystal Griffith, Chance Griffith and Trixy Petsche. Elaine also leaves behind 19 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren and many other friends and relatives.