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near New Sharon. She attended school in New Sharon.

On December 24, 1946, Ilean was united in marriage to Arthur Whitehead at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. To this union three children were born, Tom, Ron and Jill. After they were married, Ilean worked as the New Sharon Telephone Operator for a few years before moving to Newton. Art and Ilean lived in Newton for a few years before moving back to New Sharon to raise their family.

They owned and operated the Franklin Hotel in New Sharon for a few years. She also worked as a waitress before becoming an Avon Sales Representative in 1976 retiring in 2018 after 42 years.

Ilean was a wonderful cook and made the best black raspberry pies. Her favorite color was purple where she enjoyed playing Yahtzee with her purple dice. Ilean also enjoyed doing puzzles and playing Bingo. She was known to be a prankster and got a kick out of pulling pranks with her siblings which carried on to her family.

She was a member of New Sharon Assembly of God Church for several years and most recently attended the New Sharon United Methodist Church with her daughter.

Her legacy will be honored by her children, Tom Whitehead of Urbandale, Ron (Kathy) Whitehead of Chanhassen, MN and Jill (Jeff) Walston of New Sharon; seven grandchildren, Ron (Betsy) Whitehead, Tania (Pat) Heyerdahl, Jacqueline (Jason) Young, Jennifer (Steven) Wise, Jentri (Clint) Haworth, Erin Whitehead, and Jacey (Kyle) Veenstra; 19 great grandchildren; her four siblings, Hanley Johnson of New Sharon, Oscar (Betty) Johnson of Belle Vista, AR, Dixie (Gene) VerSteeg of Nashville, IN and Perry (Marie) Johnson of Wellington, CO and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Ilean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur Whitehead; her siblings, Duane Johnson, Ava Jean Stone and Phyllis Story and a sister in infancy, Cleta Yvonne.

## ILEAN WHITEHEAD

Apr. 10, 1930 Feb. 19, 2022

Ilean Whitehead 91 of New Sharon passed away February 19, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Services were held Feb, 23, at New Sharon United Methodist Church. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, New Sharon. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon Fire and Rescue or the New Sharon United Methodist Church. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Clara Ilean Whitehead, the daughter of Clovis and Josie (Groves) Johnson, was born April 10, 1930

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