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## Paula Steen, 80

Paula L. Steen, 80, of Searsboro died June 2, 1999 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Her funeral was June 5 at Searsboro Community Friends Church in Searsboro. Officiating was Rev. Don Job, pastor of the Searsboro Community Friends Church.

Rhonda Minner sang "What a Day That Will Be," "Meet Me There" and "Will The Circle Be Unbroken." The Roy James Family sang "We Have These Moments." The vocalists were accompanied by organist Joyce James.

Mark Doll, Marty James, Matt James, Richard Lowry, Terry Lowry and Tom Tish II served as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers were Ron Baker, Roy James, George Mallon, Bryan Shutts II, Larry Steen, Tom Tish and Tony Tish.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery in rural Searsboro.

Paula Louise Johnson was born April 15, 1919 near Searsboro, the daughter of Flossie "Iowa" Broyles and Edgar Paul Johnson. She spent her childhood on a farm and attended Searsboro School, graduating from Searsboro Consolidated High School in 1936.

On Feb. 14, 1940, Rev. Myrtle C. Lee united her in marriage to Alfred Steen in Searsboro. Together, the Steens farmed near South Amana and Guernsey, then in the Searsboro area for 20 years. In 1970, they built a home two miles east and two miles north of Searsboro on land which had been in Mrs. Steen's family for more than a century.

A lifelong member of the Searsboro Community Friends Church, she was a

Sunday School teacher, clerk of the Monthly Meeting and a member of the Ministry and Counsel. She also belonged to the Bunker Hill Booster Club and attended the annual Johnson Reunion, the Searsboro Alumni Banquet and the West Liberty Sing.

She enjoyed board games, cardinals, flowers, the color red and sewing.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her brothers Donald and Kenneth Johnson and her sister-in-law, Ruth Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, three children, Karen Louise Tish of Leavenworth, Kan.; Dianne Joyce James of Montezuma and Larry Paul Steen of Webster, her sons-and-daughters-in-law, Thomas L. Tish, Roy D. James and Julie L. Steen; her grandchildren, Tony and Lori Tish, Las Vegas, Nev.; Teri Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Thomas Tish II, San Francisco; Melissa and Mark Doll, Lynnville; Melanie and Jim Stielow, Concord, Calif.; Monica and Terry Cullen, Bayport, NY; Marty and Amanda James, Nevada, Ia.; Matt and Lisa James, Lynnville; Jack and Angela Steen, Pella and Jordon, Jessika and Jennifer Steen, Webster.

Also surviving are Mrs. Steen's great-grandchildren, Paulina Louise Cole, Jordyn Jones, Clarissa, Ciara, Cyvannah and Caden Doll, Jeremiah and Samuel Stielow, T.J., Chase, Cassidy and Connor Cullen, Taegan James and Haley James; one brother, Marvin Johnson, Salem, Ark.; one sister-in-law, Cornelia Johnson, Grinnell; many other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be directed to the Searsboro Community Friends Church.

## Paula Louise Steen

Paula Louise Steen, 80, of Searsboro died of cancer Tuesday, June 1, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Searsboro Community Friends Church, with the Rev. Don Job officiating. Organist was Joyce James, and vocalists were Rhonda Minner and the Roy James Family.

Casket bearers were Mark Doll, Marty James, Matt James, Richard Lowry, Terry Lowry and Tom Tish II. Honorary bearers were Ron Baker, Roy James, George Mallon, Bryan Shutts II, Larry Steen, Tom Tish and Tony Tish.

Burial was in West Liberty Cemetery, rural Searsboro, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of Flossie "Iowa" Broyles and Edgar Paul Johnson and was born April 15, 1919, near Searsboro. She spent her childhood on a farm and attended Searsboro School, graduating from Searsboro Consolidated High School in 1936.

She was married to Alfred Steen Feb. 14, 1940, at Searsboro. They farmed near South Amana and Guernsey, then in the Searsboro area for 20 years. In 1970, they built a home northeast of Searsboro on land that had been in her family for over a century.

She was a lifelong member of the Searsboro Community Friends Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, clerk of the Monthly Meeting and a member of the Ministry and Counsel. She attended the Bunker Hill Booster Club.

Surviving are her husband; three children, Karen Louise Tish of Leavenworth, Kan.; Dianne Joyce James of Montezuma and Larry Paul Steen of Webster; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one brother, Marvin Johnson of Salem, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Donald and Kenneth Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

MR June 9, 1999