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A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 6, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor, officiating. Casket bearers were Lyle Beck, Ron Lang, Marvin Beck, Howard Raffety, Chris Gritsch and Ken Saunders II. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Memorials may be made to the Malcom First Responders, First Baptist Church or Malcom Cemetery Association.

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. MR - DECEMBER 8, 2004

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Lola belonged to Beta Sigma Phi, th Malcom Garden Club and the River Roa Club. She was one who enjoyed all type of needlework and one who never turne down a challenging project. Her penmar ship was a talent that she was very prou of. She had a love of music, which serve as therapy for her during the last fer months. She enjoyed the outdoors, tendin to her garden and helping George on th farm. The day-to-day chores of taking car of the livestock and the odds and ends o the farm were her responsibility during th planting and harvesting season. She als enjoyed cooking and canning. Her bread making ability was her trademark. Lo truly loved her family.

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

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