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Ina Peyton, 98

Nov. 14, 1909 - March 26, 2008

AVOCA — Ina Ella Peyton, the daughter of Earl and Margaret Gross Zimmerman, was born on November 14, 1909 on a farm outside of Oakland, IA. Her father died when she was 4 and the family moved to Avoca. Ina was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Avoca. She went to school here until she was sixteen when her mother remarried moving the children to Tennant where she attended school until she graduated in 1928. After graduation she returned to Avoca and has called it her home ever since.

In 1931, Ina was united in marriage to Horace Peyton. To this union one son Duane was born. After their marriage they joined the Congregational Church in 1942. Ina served three times as a deaconess and was a member of the Ladies Aid. She served as president for two years during the war. In 1942, Ina started working part-time at the Avoca Public Library and remained at the library until her retirement in 1980. Ina has served her church in almost every way possible. She has been Vice-President of the UCW, served as a bazaar planning committee member, an usher, a greeter for worship, a member of John Calvin Adult Fellowship group, trail boss for the stewardship campaign, served on a committee that went door to door to ask for donations to help build the new church, has assisted with the bloodmobile, a member of the Morning Circle, a leader of the Prayer Circle and a member of the Friendly Visitors of the church. Ina was a true historian in the Avoca area. She had a talent of knowing and remembering details about the community that only a few ever master. Besides her church life, Ina had been very active in the community. She always loved to play cards, she enjoyed reading and even had a book in her hand just a week ago. She had belonged to many Avoca organizations, is a Past Matron of the Eastern Star, a member of the Avoca Historical Society, and was always willing to help a friend in any way she could. It is difficult to measure Ina's contribution to the church. Everyone, that knew her, knew she was faithful in all areas of church life - Worship, Stewardship, Prayer and Mission. Ina died at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, IA on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 having attained the age of ninety-eight years, four months and twelve days.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Horace, who died in March 1965 and her son Duane. Survivors include her daughter-in-law Lois Peyton of Omaha, NE; her grandchildren, Arlene and her husband Raymond Morehouse and Rodney Peyton and his friend Yolanda Hites; six great grandchildren, Daniel Labs, Diana Labs, Kirstin Peyton, Paul Peyton, Heather and her husband Rusty Cruickshank and Daniel Morehouse; special friends, the Peters family, Terry, Carol, Kim, Joel, Susan and her husband Troy Oehlertz, Chase, Destini and Trey, besides other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Nancy



Ross-Hullinger as the clergy. Serving as honorary casket bearers were Terry Peters, Susan Oehlertz, Joel Peters, Troy Oehlertz and Burl Scott. Casket bearers were Paul Peyton, Daniel Labs, Diana Labs, Rodney Peyton, Kirstin Peyton and Kim Peters. Interment was held in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, IA.

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