

Phyllis Hodne, 93

Dec. 10, 1922 - Dec. 19, 2015

MANNING — Phyllis Marie Hodne, daughter of Charles and Rose (Sievers) Stribe, was born December 10, 1922 in Manning in Carroll County. She started country school north of Manning at age four to help keep the school open. She graduated from Manning High School as Salutatorian. She sang soprano and enjoyed music throughout her lifetime.

Phyllis moved to Des Moines at the age of 16 and studied at the American Institute of Business. She then worked at the Iowa Tax Commission, assisting the head of the Use Tax Department. She lived at Hawthorn Hill with other young rural women. Phyllis then attended the State University of Iowa in Iowa City.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1948. She worked as a part-time secretary for the University's President. She served dinners in a boarding home for university teachers.

February 19, 1950, Phyllis was united in marriage with Tobias Selmer Hodne at the First Presbyterian Church in Manning. Phyllis and Selmer began farming in 1951 near Irwin. Their mutual love of farming and rural life was central to their 46 happy years of marriage. Their diversified crop and livestock farm kept them busy. She worked hard in her active roles in all aspects of the farm, including bookkeeping and buying feeder calves in Wyoming. They traveled to various states and Canada where they enjoyed fishing.

Phyllis greatly enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening, sewing, quilting and home making. She was a loving wife and mother. She was a dedicated caregiver for her eldest son, Steven, who became quadriplegic in 1989. Her intelligence, kindness and sense of humor were appreciated by many people, as were her great down-home meals. She was a long-time member of the Jefferson Friendly Club beginning in the mid-1970s. Members made quilts for their families and community groups. Phyllis entered the Manning Plaza in 2009; she died there on December 19, 2015 at the age of 93 years and 9 days.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband Tobias Selmer Hodne in 1996; parents; brother, Earl Stribe; sisters, Arlene Wood and Vera Budde; and son, Steven Hodne. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Hodne of Coralville and Douglas Hodne, his wife Susan, and grandchildren Tobias and Giovanna of Torrance, CA.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning. Funeral services were held Monday, December 28, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning with John Pea officiating. Recorded music was "Amazing Grace", "Over The Rainbow and What A Wonderful World" by Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole. Honorary casket bearers were Norman Scott and Ron Hodne. Casket bearers were Lonnie Campbell, Jim Nelson, Tobias Hodne, Russell Stribe, Bruce Gollobit, Richard Stribe, and Lynn Kruse. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.



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