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**Kathryn Ann Martin, 87**

**Jan. 1, 1931 - Jan. 12, 2018**

**SHELBY** – Kathryn Ann Martin, daughter of Rasmus and Harriet (Graft) Petersen, was born on January 1, 1931, in Pacific Junction. She attended country school at Folsen School for eight years. The family then moved to rural Missouri Valley, and Kathryn attended Beebeetown High School, Beebeetown, and graduated with the Class of 1949.

Kathryn married Rockford "Rocky" Perry Martin on January 22, 1953 in Council Bluffs. In 1956, the couple moved to a farm west of Shelby and they lived there until 1984, when they moved into their new home just down the road from the farm. Kathryn and Rocky retired in 1992. Following Rocky's death on June 26, 2009, Kathryn remained in her own home until June 2016, when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling.

Kathryn was a member of the Shelby United Methodist Church in Shelby. She loved working in her garden and flower beds. Kathryn helped Rocky with the farming; she also later helped Wayne as needed. Family was very important to her, and she enjoyed watching the grandchildren in their school sports and activities. The song "Somewhere My Love" was special to Kathryn and Rocky, and she often referred to it as "our song".

Kathryn died on Friday, January 12, 2018, at Little Flower Haven in Earling. She had reached the age of 87 years and 11 days.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rockford "Rocky" Perry Martin; four brothers; five sisters; and one infant daughter, Betty JoAnn Martin.

Kathryn is survived by one daughter, Karen Martin of Neola; one son, Wayne (Susan) Martin of Shelby; three sisters-in-law, Carol Petersen, Delores Petersen, and Ruth Petersen; four grandchildren, Katie (Aaron) Pattee, Amanda Guill, Doug Martin, and Perry (Ashley) Martin; five great-grandchildren, Brandon Guill, Ali Pattee, Aiden Pattee, Kya Martin, and Everly Martin; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at the Shelby United Methodist Church, Shelby, with Mr. Rick Powell officiating. Rick Powell also served as the musician. Casket bearers were Rich Stuhr, Alan Bladt, David Bladt, Larry Bladt, Bill Darrington, and Larry Ploen. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery, Shelby.

The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Shelby, was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).

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