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Dona Mae Murray, 71

May 2, 1932 - May 28, 2003

IRWIN – Dona Mae Murray, the daughter of Don Albert and Iva (Redinus) Patten, was born May 2, 1932, in Lake City. After attending Lake City High School, she worked as a waitress.

July 30, 1950, she married Donald Duane Maule in Sac City. From 1960-68, she served as a Girl Scout troop leader and camp director. She supported Girl Scouting with her daughters, from Brownies all the way through Cadettes. In 1967, she received the Juliette Low bronze statue for her work with the Girl Scouts. After Don's death March 5, 1973, Dona worked at a restaurant in Denison.

Sept. 6, 1982, Dona married James J. Murray at the Denison home of her daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Ron Ohannessian. They moved to Irwin, and lived on a farm. She died May 28, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 71 years and 26 days.

Preceding Dona in death were her parents; her first husband, Donald Duane Maule; one infant son, Dennis Duane Maule; and one daughter, Debra Sue Ransom. Survivors include her husband, James J. Murray of Irwin; two daughters, Pam (Ron) Ohannessian of Melcher-Dallas, and Patricia Hollingsworth of Orlando, FL; one stepson, Ron Murray of Jacksvonille; two stepdaughters, Kristi Murray of California and Vicki (Kevin) Krohn of Harlan; one sister, Beverly Maule of Lake City; one brother Larry Patten of Atlanta, GA; 10 grandchildren, Tracy Mitchell, Travis Jepsen, Tony Ohannessian, Trent Ohannessian, Nicole Ohannessian, Elsy Ohannessian, Troy Ransom, Vonnie Ransom, Carmen Ransom and Willy Ransom; five great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Graveside services were held May 31, 2003, at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Rev. Kris Frank of the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Denny Ransom, Troy Ransom, Willy Ransom, Tiger Lee, Trent Ohannessian and Tony Ohannessian. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.