



Mary Louise (Leavitt) Whitcanack

May 2, 1924 - November 22, 2015

Mary Louise Whitcanack, 91, of Cantril died at 8:56 P.M. Sunday November 22, 2015 at home. She was born May 2, 1924 near Mt. Zion to Lynford and Hattie Wiley Leavitt. At age two her family moved to Mt. Zion where she attended grade school for eight years and graduated from Keosauqua High School in 1941. She married Oville Whitcanack May 10, 1942 in Yuma, AZ. He died October 18, 1984). After Orville was discharged from the Air Force they moved to Washington Iowa where they were partners in a service station with her brother, Myrl. They moved to a farm southeast of Cantril where they lived until 1987 when they retired to town. Mary was a member of Cantril United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and was secretary of the Cantril Library for many years. She was an avid quilter and reader enjoyed gardening, needlepoint, genealogy and most of all spending time with family and friends. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Birdie Leavitt and nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by a sister Maureen Moore and a brother Myrl Leavitt Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday December 1, 2015 at Pedrick Funeral Home, Keosauqua with Rev. Donna Olinger officiating. Visitation with family present will be from 1-2 P.M. Tuesday prior to the service. Burial will be in Lebanon Cemetery. Memorials to Cantril United Methodist Church or Cantril library may be left at the funeral home or mailed to the family at 204 South Grant St., Cantril, IA 52542

Comments



“ I miss Aunt Mary Louise so very much. I dearly look forward to reuniting with her in heaven. I have wonderful memories of Mary Louise, especially at the farm in Cantril. We would spend time with her in the summer, gardening, reading poetry, (my love of poetry comes directly from her) and tending to the chickens. She was our family historian and a wonderful story teller. She wrote a book of family history about each side of the family for myself and the nephews and compiled an album with pictures of the family from every generation back to the beginning of photography. What I most remember was her laughter and wonderful sense of humor. I love you, Aunt Mary Louise, and always will.

Marilyn (Moore) Apple - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ A candle was lit by Teresa (Sprouse) Norton on December 2, 2015 6:55 PM

Teresa (Sprouse) Norton - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ An ELEGANCE AND SIMPLICITYÂ STANDING SPRAY was ordered on November 28, 2015

Expression of Sympathy - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ A candle was lit by Connie Baker on November 27, 2015 11:35 PM

Connie Baker - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ I also remember Jose and Maud. I would go with Grandma Leavitt to their house and have a great time playing Wahoo. I remember their white peach tree and how sweet the fruit was. These memories go way back over 50 years and a thousand miles.

Marilyn (Moore) Apple - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ When I visited my Grandma, Maude McIntosh and Great Aunt, Jose Barker as a little girl I knew Mary Louise as the older girl across the street who loved to play with me. Mary Louise confessed when I saw her some 75 years later that Grandma and Aunt Jose had asked her to look after me! Anyway, I remember thinking there was a special bond because our names were both "Mary Louise" and that she was like a best friend. I also knew her parents and siblings and envied them their family life.

Mary Louise (Borders) Wolff - August 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ A THE COLOR OF MEMORIESÂ TABLE ARRANGEMENT was sent on November 27, 2015
In memory of a beloved aunt and great-aunt --
David and Judy Leavitt; Joe, Preethi, and Druv; John, Amy, Jane and Jackson

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