



Mary Frances Kemp, age 93, of Grandview, Iowa, died Thursday evening, January 17, 2008, at her home. The daughter of Faye H. and Vera Walker Jackson, she was born October 18, 1914, at Grandview. She married Everett "Red" Leroy Kemp on December 3, 1932, at Rock Island, Illinois. He preceded her in death on September 27, 1971.

She resided her entire life in Grandview. Mary Frances graduated from Grandview High School in 1932. Through her early years she had jobs ranging from a nurse's aide to a waitress and a cook, but most of all she was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, and friend.

She loved to play cards, especially 31, watch game shows and basketball, mostly Iowa Hawkeyes, on television, and cook. She will be remembered most for her egg noodles, potato salad and apple pie.

She is survived by five daughters, Vera Lou and Dean Harvey of Surprise, Arizona, Connie Sue and Gil Fogarty of Davenport, Florida, Frances and Dick Wilson of Sun City, Arizona, Shirley Bramble of Muscatine, and Debi and Ron Estabrook of Marshalltown; seventeen grandchildren, Denise (Rick) Oldham, Denny (Marla) Kemp, Dana (Craig) Bonnichsen, Curtis Harvey, Brad (Tami) Wagner, Tim (Dawn) Wagner, Heidi Sterner, Alan (Danette) Wilson, Rhonda (Jeff) Dittman, Shawn (Pam) Kemp, Ted Kemp, Amber (David) Freeman, Eric (Carrie) Bramble, Jayme Bramble, Jennifer Estabrook, Staci (Tory) Moyer, and Matt (Crystal) Estabrook; twenty-five great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Marilyn Kemp of Wapello and Cheryl Kemp of Letts; good friends, Arnold and Gloria Wittmann and John Gipple; and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Everett "Red"; two sons, Leonard and Gary; daughter, Charlene; six brothers, Raymond, John, Richard, Melvin, Loren Kay, and Faye Dean; and two sisters, Pauline and Deon.

The funeral ceremony for Mary Frances Kemp was held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 21, 2008, at the Grandview Community Bible Church at Grandview, with Rev. Darryl Erickson officiating. Burial followed at the Grandview Cemetery.