



Blanche "Byrle" McCombs

February 27, 1925 - February 28, 2017

Blanche "Byrle" McCombs, age 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice at her home in Albia.

Byrle was born on February 27, 1925 to William Irving "Doc" and Elizabeth (Dobson) Bates at her home in Monroe County. She grew up and attended the Albia High School graduating with the Class of 1942. On November 1, 1942 she was united in marriage to George Joseph McCombs at her parent's house in Albia. To this union three children were born, Joey, Colleen and Beth.

Byrle was a homemaker all of her life. She also worked at the overall factory in Oskaloosa before taking a job at Trophy Glove in Albia. She was then employed at Chamberlains in Albia. She was the Director of Helping Hands for many years. Byrle was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Albia and then the Trinity United Methodist Church as the two churches merged. She taught Sunday School, was the director of the Youth Fellowship Group, was active with the Trinity United Methodist Women and a 4H leader. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, and was known for her pies. Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she adored.

Byrle is survived by her daughters, Colleen Thomas of Albia and Beth Miller of Belleville, Illinois; her four grandchildren, Barb Ford, Keri Thomas, Melisa Sands and Sarah Miller; her five great grandchildren, Erin Ford, Alex Ford, Gavin Sands, Garrett Sands and Alison Sands; and two sisters-in-law, Winifred Schertz and Dorothy Schertz. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George McCombs; a son, Joey McCombs; her parents, William "Doc" and Elizabeth; eight siblings; a son-in-law, Eldon Thomas and her mother and father in-laws, John and Ruby McCombs.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Trinity United

Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Service Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Byrle's family present from 6-8 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A memorial has been established to the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Cemetery

Service Chapel Cemetery

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Events

MAR 3 Visitation 01:00PM - 08:00PM

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Tharp Funeral Home

116 Benton Ave., Albia, IA, US, 52531

MAR 4 Funeral Service 10:30AM

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Trinity United Methodist Church

1117 Benton Ave East, Albia, IA, US, 52531

Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Blanche "Byrle" McCombs.



March 03, 2017 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Blanche "Byrle" McCombs.



March 03, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ Colleen,
How sad I am to learn of your mom's passing. She was one of the sweetest, kindest women I ever had the pleasure to care for at Dr. Orelup's office and then with Dr. Randall.
And what a wonderful daughter you were to enable her to live out her days in her home.
I regret I will not be in town for her services, but my thoughts are with you. Sending hugs.

Patty Hannam

Patty Hannam - March 02, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ Rest in peace my friend. A real joy to have worked along side you for so many years at the Leisure Lounge.

My sympathies to your family.

Kathy Elliott

Kathy Elliott - March 02, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Byrle. She always welcomed friends and made us feel at home. May she rest in peace. With deepest sympathy, Jean (Anderson) Weber and family

Jean Weber - March 01, 2017 at 08:12 PM



“ I remember Byrne and her daughter, Beth, from Byrle's years as a 4-H leader. I think that Byrle, worked with my dad, George Gergely, st Chamberlains. I think that was the only reason that Dad allowed me to join 4-H. I believe that my sister met Colleen several years sgo--can't remember the circumstances. My sympathy to the family. It is hard to lose a parent, even when they are 92.

Rita Gergely - March 02, 2017 at 07:18 AM



“ Byrle and George were our Youth Leaders at EUB. I learned so much from them both. Byrle was always kind and helpful. I treasure the advise she gave and her love. It is never easy to say goodbye to your mother. My heart goes out for you all. But rejoice that she is home with our Father!!!

Sue Morgan Goode - March 02, 2017 at 11:42 AM