



Blanche Margaret Rowley

September 29, 1921 - November 18, 2021

Blanche Margaret Rowley, age 100, of Albia, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Blanche was born on September 29, 1921, in Monroe County to Albert M and Harriet (Matthews) Rouse. She married Earl E. Rowley on May 17, 1941, in Williamsburg, IA. Blanche and Earl shared 65 years of marriage prior to Earl's passing on December 25, 2006.

Blanche graduated from the Albia High School in 1939 and was a rural school teacher following graduation. She was a member of Albia Woman's Club, Order of Eastern Star, the First Christian Church for 69 years and was active in Christian Women's Fellowship. Blanche enjoyed traveling with her husband and attending her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's athletic events. Above all else, Blanche enjoyed spending time with her family, especially at family gatherings.

Blanche is survived by a son, Harold Ray (Teresa) Rowley of Albia; a daughter, Lou Ellen (Jim) Swinney of Del Rio, TX; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Rowley of Hot Springs, SD; 7 grandchildren, Eddie (Megan) Swinney of Austin, TX, Jo Anne (David) Isley of Chariton, IA, Victoria (Bill) Ogier of Ankeny, IA, Scott (Amber) Rowley of Dubuque, IA, Keith Rowley of Denver, CO, Cheyenne (Tyler) McDanel of Ankeny, IA, and Christian Rowley of

Chicago, IL; and 11 great grandchildren. Blanche is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; 2 sons, Jimmie Earl and Gary Lee; and her parents, Albert and Harriet.

Per Blanche's wishes, her body has been cremated and a private family burial will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the First Christian Church in Albia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Blanche Margaret Rowley*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Blanche was a wonderful woman! She and my mother, Martha (Clark) Robinson graduated together in the Albia class of 1939. They remained life-long friends, and worked together on many Eastern Star and First Christian Church projects. Blanche hosted bridal showers for my 3 sisters and me in the 1970s-1980s.*

While my (second) dad, Dale Robinson, lived at the Homestead, I had many nice conversations with Blanche. In addition, to a good talk, she always had a smile for me, and gave me a hug.

When I invited her to my 2015 wedding to Rod Perry, she gave us both a beautiful quilt she had made. She let us select our quilts from the many she had ready to give to her family and friends. I will always cherish these two quilts, lovingly hand-made by Blanche!

Janice Clark - November 20, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Lou, I am so sorry about your Mother. She was a beautiful lady and I know you will miss her. Sympathy and prayers to all of your family.*

Wanda Howard - November 19, 2021 at 06:07 PM