



Lorena Elizabeth Caroline Koch

July 5, 1925 - April 6, 2020

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Marion Center Cemetery in rural Latimer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Latimer. Lorena Elizabeth Caroline (Plagge) Koch, 94, of Hampton, Iowa, formerly of Latimer, Iowa, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020, at Franklin Country View Nursing Facility in Hampton, Iowa. Lorena was born on July 5, 1925, a daughter of Louis and Louise (Imerman) Plagge, near Latimer, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed by Reverend Barth at Marion Center Evangelical Church in Latimer. Lorena attended country school and graduated from Latimer High School in 1942 at age 16. After graduation she worked as receptionist, bookkeeper and assistant at a medical office in Hampton with two doctors and a dentist. She was married to Don Koch on November 10, 1946, by Reverend Wintermeyer at the Marion Center Immanuel Evangelical Church where she was an active member, teaching Sunday School for many years. After the church moved to Latimer and became Immanuel United Church of Christ, she continued teaching Sunday School for many more years and served on numerous committees. She and Don were youth counselors and members of Philathea. She was a member of the hospital auxiliary, women's clubs and Latimer Park Society. She enjoyed playing golf, cards and having coffee with friends. She loved her family and they were the most important to her. Don and Lorena farmed northwest of Latimer, where they raised their four sons. They bred registered Landrace hogs and registered Charolais cattle. In 1969,

they sold the entire herd and acquired the Latimer State Bank. After retiring, she and Don worked at the Iowa State Fair during many summers. They spent eighteen years wintering in Texas, and worked with the Nomads in Texas, Mexico and Alaska. Nomads was a mission organization that worked in churches and with Habitat for Humanity building homes. They also spent many hours working in Mexico, helping unfortunate people find a better life. Lorena is survived by son Alan (Cathy) Koch of Johnston and children Nocona (Randy) Dayton of Johnston and step-children Bailey and Justin, and Cody (Julie) Koch of Johnston and children Adelyn and Kaden; son Garland (Teresa) Koch of Dove Canyon, California and son Alexander and step-children Dale and Christopher Frink; son Sherwin (Aileen) Koch of Solon, Iowa and children Stephanie (Jarod) Jesina, Alexis and Carter (Tiffany); son Brent (Lisa) Koch of West Des Moines and children Nicole, Blake, Tatum and Piper and step-children Matthew and Anna, and sister-in-law Evonne Plagge, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Louise, brothers Lavern and wife Shirley, Herbert and wife Margaret, and Wayne, sister Elaine and husband Don, granddaughter Lacey Koch and brothers and sisters-in-law Berl and wife Tina, Bob and wife Alpharetta and Howard and wife Helen.

Tribute Wall



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