



Shirley Mae During

September 21, 1929 - August 11, 2015

Shirley Mae (Cummings) During, 85, of Geneva, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton in Hampton, Iowa. She was born on September 21, 1929, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Eldon Mitchell Cummings and Martha Mae McIntyre. Shirley graduated from Hartford High School and from Simpson College. She was united in marriage to Ben During, Jr. on December 20, 1953. Shirley was a school teacher for one year in Hartford, Iowa and then finished her 44 years of teaching at Geneva and Ackley-Geneva School Districts. She was an active member of the Geneva United Methodist Church and the National Education Association. Shirley was also a member of the Lindenwood Cemetery Society, the Abigails and United Methodist Women's Fellowship. She was a busy church lady and loved serving her church family. Shirley enjoyed flowers, gardening, Bible School and spending time with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She pulled many students' teeth as a teacher and was known for it. In her later years, she went on many short trips with her daughter and enjoyed traveling around the midwest and helping Deb write blog posts. Shirley is survived by her daughter Deb Brown of Webster City, sons Jon (Judy) During of Geneva and Jeff (Beverly) During of Woodbridge, Virginia, grandchildren Jacque (Devin), Sarah, Lorraine, Jeff and Michael, great-grandchildren Steven, Brian, Hailey, Kylee, Natalie, Hunter and Elijah, brother Dan (Sharon) Cummings of Colfax, sister Jacqueline (Nancy) Gowen of Sioux City, along with many nieces and nephews. Shirley was very close to her cousins and in her many years on earth treasured those friendships. She was preceded in death by parents Eldon and Martha, husband Ben During, Jr., brother Paul Cummings and sister Martha Jane and grandson Eric Leaman. Burial will take place in the Lindenwood Cemetery in rural Geneva. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Shirley's family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Mae During*

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