



## Shirley Belle Hummel Burma

November 10, 1926 - February 22, 2017

Shirley Belle Hummel Burma, 90, formerly of Allison, passed away at Newaldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls on February 22, 2017. She was born in Butler County on November 10, 1926 to Margaret (Williams) and William Hummel. She married Charles Henry Burma on April 22, 1949 in Allison. He preceded her in death in 1973. Shirley graduated from country school West Point #4, Allison High School, and Allen Memorial School of Nursing to become a Registered Nurse in 1948 where she was bestowed the highest honor of the Lutheran Women's Auxiliary Scholarship. She worked at the Rohlf Memorial Clinic in Waverly, and the Dumont Nursing Home as well as assisting Dr. Frank McKean in Allison. She was the first school nurse for the Joint County School System for Butler and Franklin counties and then returned to the Rohlf Memorial Clinic and practiced an additional 23 years as an RN. Shirley was a dedicated volunteer for the Butler County Cancer Society Loan Closet, the Survivorship Committee for the Butler County Relay for Life and assisted with the Allison Red Cross blood drives as well as working at the Butler County Fair Red Cross booth. She was a Butler County Backyard Conservationist winner and was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church and Allison Garden Club. In 2013, she was recognized for her contributions to the community when she was inducted into the Butler County Hall of Fame. Survived by: her children Marcay (Greg) Washington, Evanston, IL., Nancy Gulick, Waterloo, Molly Burma (Mike Wilson), Iowa City and Bill Burma (Kristi), Ankeny. Other survivors include her seven

grandchildren, Marcus (Lindsey) Washington, Michael Washington, Gabe (Christin) Gulick, Jake (Rachel) Gulick, Zach Gulick, Kaitlyn Burma and Madeline Burma as well as six great-grandchildren, Tae'Marie and MJ Washington, Ceci, Lucy and Bett Gulick and Emma Gulick. She is also survived by a sister, Merna (Paul) Stemmerman of Cedar Falls and a sister-in-law, Adeline Hummel of Clive. Preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Russell Hummel of Allison and Glenn Hummel of West Des Moines, sister-in-law Ruth Hummel of Allison and nephew Bill Hummel of Allison. Memorials to: St. James Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Belle Hummel Burma*

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