



Frances Reese

July 26, 1915 - May 20, 2011

Frances Reese: Frances passed away Friday at the Bethany St. Joseph Care Center in LaCrosse at the age of 95 years, 9 months and 25 days.

She was a die-hard Cubs fan and was an avid bowler who bowled on a league until she was 85. She loved to help people, volunteering in many areas, including hospitals and nursing homes up until the last few months of her life. She attended Faith Baptist church and Temple Baptist Church in La Crosse where she had many friends. She loved working in the kitchen and helping with the church's nursing home services. She also loved to travel with family and friends, especially enjoying two trips to Scotland where her mother was born. She loved dining out socially and never turned down a dessert. Frances married Owen Reese at the Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. They moved to La Crosse in 1974 to be close to their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Frances was born in a sod house in Eastern Colorado July 26, 1915, to John K. and Charlotte (Woodward) Black. At age 15 she moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, with her family.

During World War II she proudly served in the Woman's Army Corps in Des Moines, IA.

Frances is survived by her only daughter Merrie Gayle (Byron) Hamm of Onalaska, WI; three grandchildren: Becky (Eric) Nobrega of La Crosse, Ben (Leilani) Hamm of Raeford, NC, and Stephen Hamm (fiancée Natalie) of La Crosse; four great-grandchildren: Chelsea and Paige Nobrega of La Crosse and James and Jennifer Hamm of Raeford, NC; sister-in-law Mary Black of Cedar Rapids, IA; and nieces and nephews.

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“ *Frances Reese*

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