



Laura (Knowles) Harvey

October 28, 1922 - January 7, 2006

Laura (Knowles) Harvey: Laura died suddenly of a massive stroke, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the Mahaska Hospital at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 10 days.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Irvin; her children and spouses, Mel and Mora Knowles of Ventura, CA; Greg Knowles and Sandy Tweedy of Tucson, AZ; Claudia and Bob Applegate of Milan, IL; Jane and Steve Maddison of Cedar Rapids, IA; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; her sister, Dorothy Poor of St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law, Marybelle Crosby of Fremont, IA; and many cousins, nieces and nephews and friends.

Laura Annette Crosby, daughter of the late Margie Jane Shives and Oliver Boyd Crosby, was born Oct. 28, 1922 in Knoxville, IA. She married Melvin Knowles on Dec. 31, 1940; he died in May 1984. She assisted Mel in their Southern Iowa TV repair service and later was secretary-receptionist at KNIA radio station in Knoxville, IA, where she gained a following as the ""Swap Shop"" on-air voice. A member of the Knoxville Methodist Church, she was active in United Methodist Women, taught Sunday School, and sang in the Sanctuary Choir, as well as the women's group, the ""Inspirations"". Laura enjoyed the beauty and solitude of nature, and took joy in tending her gardens, feeding the birds, and swimming and camping in the north country on annual family vacations. She volunteered time in hospice activities and visited shut-ins.

Laura married Irvin Harvey on Oct 25, 1997, and was blessed with his companionship and love. They enjoyed traveling in their fifth wheeler to visit friends and family across the country. Laura found new friends in Oskaloosa, including her new adult Sunday School class, church women's circle, Farm Families Group, and PEO.

Laura was loving and much loved. She sang and whistled beautifully - especially while washing dishes, she told wonderful stories and extended her care and friendship to many during her life.

Her parents; husband, Mel Knowles; brothers, Wilbur, Richard, Dean and Dan; and sisters, Virginia and Shirley Crosby and Margaret Reay preceded her in death.

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“ *Laura (Knowles) Harvey*

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