



Mary Louise Richards

May 11, 1928 - August 21, 2022

Mary Richards, 94, of Beacon, passed away Sunday, August 21, 2022, at her home in Beacon.

Mary Louise Richards, daughter of Alfred Burton and Ethel Burdess Crabtree, was born May 11, 1928, at her parent's home on North Third Street in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She attended Grant Elementary School and was a 1947 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. She received her teaching certificate from Wm. Penn College and taught at Pleasant Ridge Country School in Mahaska County during the 47-48 school year. On June 5, 1948, she married Herbert Earl Richards at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Truax, Iowa. Together they farmed in the Truax, Rose Hill, and Bussey areas. Mary also worked as a nurse's aide at Mahaska Manor in Oskaloosa, Griffin Nursing Home in Knoxville, and the Monroe Care Center in Albia for several years. She retired in 2003. Mary was a Bussey United Methodist Church member, serving for several years as a Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent. After moving to Beacon, she enjoyed attending the Methodist Church and her church family there. She was also a member of the No. 439 O.E.S. in Bussey and TriStar Chapter No. 99 O.E.S. in Eddyville, IA. Mary volunteered many years at Mahaska Health and enjoyed gardening, flowers, oil painting, reading, cribbage, crafts, and bird watching.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Joe and Pat Richards of Torrance, CA, and Gene "Shine" Richards and friend, Beverly Kelso of Tracy; grandchildren: Andrea Richards of Torrance, CA, Charles (Nicole) Pierson of

Henderson, NV, Dustin (Rosemary) Richards and Jeremy Richards of Tracy; three great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Cynthia Pierson, a brother William Crabtree and his wife Alice Crabtree.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Rev. Olivia Fabros of the Beacon United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Bluff Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to service time on Friday morning before the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to Beacon United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Bluff Creek Cemetery

Inner Drive
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Louise Richards*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *So sorry to hear she was a good neighbor She will be missed!
Prayers to the family.
Angie*

Angie - August 28, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this Mary will be missed she was a good neighbor !
Love and Prayers!*

Linda - August 26, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Lora Mefford Nickerson lit a candle in memory
of Mary Louise Richards*



Lora Mefford Nickerson - August 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *My condolences to you and your family Shine.
Wanda Little*



Wanda Little - August 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

TB

“ *Twin Cedars Bank lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Richards*



Twin Cedars Bank - August 24, 2022 at 07:01 PM

KH

“ *Kim & Jaci Hansen lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Richards*



Kim & Jaci Hansen - August 24, 2022 at 07:00 PM