



Viola Baker

May 5, 1920 - May 31, 2006

Viola Baker: Viola ""Pete"" Baker, age 86, of Oskaloosa passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 31st, 2006 at Pleasant Park Estates. No Funeral services are planned, and cremation is being accorded. Private committal of the cremains will be at a later time. Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa Public Library for Large Print Book Fund.

""Pete"" is survived by her niece Donna (Dale) Johnson of Oskaloosa; a niece Carolyn Melcher, of Ankey, Ia; a nephew, Steve Rankin of Dubuque, Ia; two nieces, Carol Fripp and Vickie Dean, both of Florida; and Garth Fripp, a nephew, also of Florida. One step-son, Terry Baker of Riverside, Calif. also survives. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a step daughter, Joan Baker; a brother, Max Rankin, and a sister, Virginia Fripp.

""Pete"" was the daughter of James Vick Rankin, and Maude Estelene Wilson Rankin. She was born May 5, 1920 in rural Marion County, Iowa. She graduated from

Oskaloosa High

School and furthered her education by attending one year of beauticians school in Des Moines, Iowa.

She was married to Ray C. Baker in 1947 in Florida. Ray passed away in 1964. She returned to Iowa following Ray's passing and cared for her mother for several years until her passing.

Following the death of her mother, she returned to Florida and resided there until 2003, at which time she returned to Oskaloosa.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking very much. In her later years she cooked at several restaurants in Oskaloosa, and enjoyed this occupation greatly.

(No Obituary Text Available)

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