

Jean Awtry, 89

July 20, 1920 - Feb. 12, 2010

URBANDALE — Jean Myrtle Awtry was born on July 20, 1920, to Dr. Melvin J. and Florinne L. (Losee) McVay in Lake City. She was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Lake City. A graduate of Lake City Community High School in 1938, Jean furthered her education at Drake University in Des Moines, acquiring a teaching certificate and a BA degree in Elementary Education in May of 1942. While attending Drake, Jean became a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

In the fall of 1938, Jean met Dale H. Awtry, also a student at Drake University. The two were married on March 15, 1941 at her parent's home in Lake City. To this union, four children: David, Thomas, Ann and Jon were born. Following the couple's graduation, Jean and Dale resided in Lake City, Carroll, and Hutchinson, MN. In 1952, the couple returned to Lake City, where they made their final home together. Jean was widowed in 1981, and remained in Lake City until the spring of 1995 when she returned to Carroll. In the winter of 2000, Jean moved to Harlan, where she lived until failing health necessitated that she move to Deerfield Retirement Community in Urbandale. A life-long member of the Methodist Church, Jean served as a guild member, Sunday School Teacher and choir participant. She was known for maintaining an immaculate home, as well as, being a wonderful cook. She enjoyed working in her yard and tending her tidy vegetable garden. Friday, February 12, 2010, Jean died at Deerfield Health Center having attained the age of 89 years, 6 months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Dale; Jean was preceded in death by her sister, Maxine. She is survived by her children, David (Kathleen) Awtry of Dakota Bend, SD, Thomas (Sue) Awtry of Ottumwa, Ann (Daniel) Kem of Clive, and Jon (Jane) Awtry of Harlan; ten grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In agreement with Jean's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no visitation held. Memorial graveside services will take place at a later date in the Lake City Cemetery, Lake City.



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